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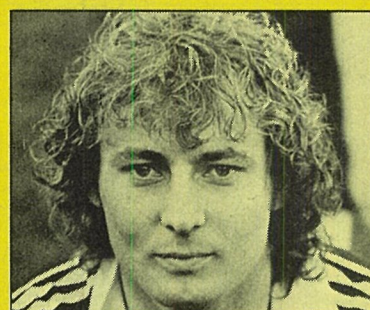
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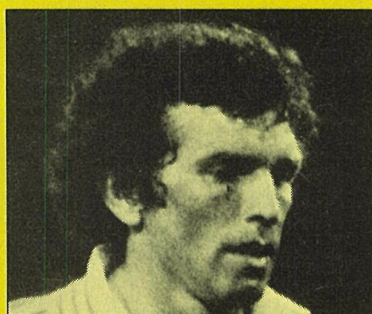
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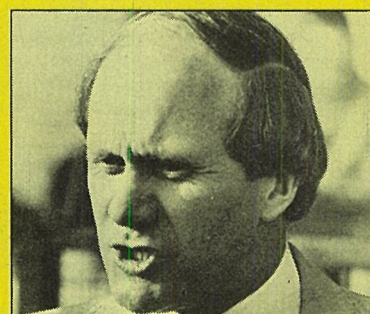
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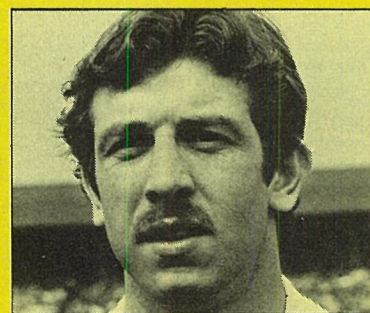
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JOHNNY GILES ... tells why the Repub-
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GERRY ARMSTRONG ... tells SHOOT
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FOUR VITAL MATCHES

NEXT week all four British Home nations, and the Republic of Ireland, are in European Championship action — fighting for a place in the Quarter-Finals of a competition none has yet won.

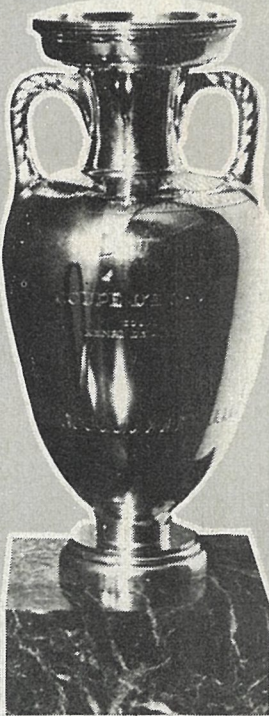
England go to Dublin, boosted by a 4-3 away win over Denmark in their first Group One game. The Republic, with only two points from two draws — one away against Denmark, the other at Lansdowne Road against Northern Ireland — will be pulling out all the stops to gain the two points necessary to reassert themselves as probably England's biggest threat to qualification.

There'll be no complacency amongst Ron Greenwood's men, who could so easily have dropped one point, or even two, against the Danes, through slack defensive work, after taking a lead.

All eyes, including those of Johnny Giles' players, will inevitably be on Kevin Keegan, who with his non-stop running, lightning changes of direction and sharp finishing, was easily the man of the match in Copenhagen in what I consider his best-ever form in an England shirt.

Northern Ireland are in Belfast for their second match, hoping to emulate England, but well aware of the Danes' ability to counter attack.

Scotland, smarting from a 3-2 defeat in their opening Group Two game, in



Vienna against Austria, play Norway at Hampden Park. Norway have emphasised the fact there are no push-overs in international football nowadays by drawing 1-1 against Belgium in Lokeren in their second game.

But the odds are in Scotland's favour. At home, and under new manager Jock Stein, they are capable of reproducing the dash and style they showed in the win over Holland in Argentina that somewhat redeemed their tarnished image there.

Down in Wrexham, Wales open their campaign in Group 7 by taking on Malta for the first time in their history. On paper this looks like a walkover for the team that became the only Home nation to qualify for the previous Quarter-Finals, in 1976, but manager Mike Smith is too experienced in the caprices of international football not to send his team into "battle" breathing traditional red fire and ready to give their all.

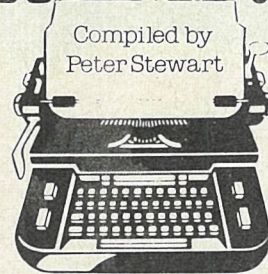
In this issue we feature exclusive interviews which bring out many of the fascinating aspects of four matches that should each have a significant bearing on the outcomes of the three groups.

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NEWS

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Peter Stewart



DESK

LEN Cantello missed a long spell of last season with an injury and he went to the United States during the summer to get fit.

The plan worked exceptionally well because Cantello, now in his tenth season at The Hawthorns, is currently playing better than for a very long time.

He has formed a good partnership with Bryan Robson and together they are proving to be the engine room of the Albion side.

Cantello said: "I enjoy playing alongside Bryan because he plays a simple game. He wins the ball and knocks the pass first time and you always know where you are when he is in the middle of the park."

ROSS CHASING RECORD

ROSS Jenkins, Watford's 6ft 2in goal getter, is striding tall for a record which has stood for 19 years.

He is after the Watford scoring record for League goals held by Cliff Holton, who grabbed 42 of them in season 1959-60.

Londoner Ross is well on target, having topped the double figure mark in only eight games.

Jenkins, who joined Watford from Crystal Palace for £30,000 in November, 1972, hasn't always found it a bed of roses at Vicarage Road.

He was listed by the club in May, 1975, and then made a transfer request in January, last year. His request came after he had only made 12 League appearances that term after being troubled by a leg injury.

But, happily, everything in the garden is lovely as Ross zips along in the goals race. In his previous five seasons at the club his best League scoring exploits came in 1975-76 when he managed 19 from 39 games.

His next best was last term when he claimed 16 in 38 matches. It's a safe bet he will score more goals this season than in his two previous best terms at Watford put together.

KILMARNOCK have now pulled in £375,000 in transfer deals over the last two seasons. They sold Jim Stewart to Middlesbrough, Ian McCulloch to Notts County, Gordon Smith to Rangers, and recently received Scotland's largest fee of £120,000 by selling Davie Provan to Celtic.

MANCHESTER United lost £290,349 last season as a result of spending almost £1 million on Gordon McQueen and Joe Jordan. But profits in the previous three years left United with an overall balance of £624,468 ... just enough to buy Trevor Francis, if he should become available when he recovers from injury.

FORMER Blackpool manager Allan Brown is now in charge of Quadsia in Kuwait. But he won't be lonely. Dave MacKay and Brian Doyle also manage clubs in the country.

● Ex-Northern Ireland Schools' international striker Tom Dickey, a 17-year-old prospect, who had a spell with Second Division Sheffield United, has returned to Ulster where he has joined Glentoran.

KEVIN Farmer, 18-year-old centre-forward with Leicester, doesn't take long to find out how Queens Park Rangers have got on when he gets the results.

And the reason is his grandfather is a director of the London club.

★ ANOTHER Gerry Daly is making his mark in the League of Ireland which spawned the Derby County star. Eighteen-year-old Daly has been making an impact as midfielder with Galway Rovers since his debut at the start of this season.

CLIFTONVILLE striker Tony Bell, who once played U.E.F.A. Cup soccer with Portadown, has been sidelined for a six-week spell with a broken ankle.

Opportunist Tony, scorer of four Ulster Cup goals in almost as many games, was injured in The Reds' 1-0 September 16 home win v. Ovalites Glentoran.



IPSWICH TOWN'S Country Boy and Girl

IT was with some surprise Ipswich Town fans heard of George Burley's close season marriage.

But George admits: "It was intentional. Our idea was to have a quiet wedding with the minimum of fuss."

He met his wife Jill two years ago when she worked as a receptionist at a local hotel. They were married on July 7th.

At present they live in Ipswich but admit the country life is what they desire and are looking at property outside the town. "We'd like to be in the countryside because that's where we were both brought up, I'm from a small village in Ayrshire and Jill is from Essex where her father farms."

The latest addition to the Burley household is Shona, a Cairn Terrier puppy, so the country life would suit all three when the move does come.

BRISTOL CITY would like St. Mirren's highly-promising Scottish Under-21 midfielder Tony Fitzpatrick who has been described as "a Billy Bremner with class".

THIS is the 19th season of the League Cup competition and in the first two campaigns — 1960-61 and 1961-62 — Rochdale won a total of seven ties, and reached the Final in the latter. But in the 17 seasons since the Fourth Division club have won — just seven!

SUNDERLAND MUST CLEAN-UP

SUNDERLAND will have to watch their step. Last season they were warned by the FA over the number of penalty points they reached. This season they have made a disastrous start from a disciplinary point of view.

In the opening five weeks four players took the long walk to the tunnel.

Striker Wayne Entwistle and defender Jackie Ashurst were the first to go — at Orient and Stoke, respectively.

Full-backs Micky Henderson and Joe Bolton followed in the same match — at Burnley. Sunderland had a great win with nine men but their image was tarnished.

A clean-up campaign is essential at Sunderland, otherwise the club will be on the carpet.

'PLAY ME UP-FRONT-OR LET ME GO' says Gerry Armstrong

BUSTLING Spurs striker Gerry Armstrong (white shirt) wants to settle his future once and for all at White Hart Lane ... as a striker.

The versatile 24-year-old Irishman has played in five different positions for the club since he joined them from Bangor in November, 1975, for a £30,000 fee. Now he wants a chance to prove himself as a goal-getter and not as a goal-stopper.

Says Gerry, who talks about Northern Ireland's match in Belfast on page 26: "I have played all over the place for Spurs and it is not helping my career.

"I definitely want to play as a striker and I feel I have done quite well in that position although I have only had limited opportunities.

"Being an adaptable player I have usually ended up on the substitute's bench and that is no good to me. I made 29 first team appearances last season — quite a few as substitute — but constantly changing your position does not help."

Armstrong, capped eight times by Northern Ireland, is probably the most wanted player on Tottenham's books. Birmingham, Arsenal, Ipswich, Villa, Luton and Fulham have all made inquiries, but manager Keith Burkinshaw insists he is not for sale.



IN SWEDEN

FORMER Wolves' defender Maurice Daly is enjoying life with Swedish Second Division club 1FK Vasteraas. The Swedes paid £65,000 for Irishman Daly, who is now studying for an engineering degree while helping the part-timers in a strong promotion bid. Daly claims he has been "treated like a God" since his arrival.

Another ex-Wolves star in Sweden is Bill Baxter, now coach of Fourth Division club Estov.

And Alan Ball senior, former Halifax boss, was recently appointed coach of First Division club Djurgarden, from Stockholm.

FORMER Glenavon, Dundalk and Bangor defender Teddy Harte, an ex-Northern Ireland Junior internationalist and Eire Inter-League cap, is still playing competitive soccer, at junior level, at the ripe old age of 45!

FAN BAN

THE Scottish Football Association have slapped a controversial life-time ban on a supporter who assaulted referee Ian Foote during a Hearts v. Hibs Premier Division game at Tynecastle.

The ban on John Lawrie (30) of Edinburgh, from all grounds in Scotland is controversial because no one, it seems, knows how it can be implemented. The Scottish Police Federation point out it has not been imposed by a court of law. Lawrie was also fined a total of £120 at Edinburgh Sheriff Court after the incident.

Hearts were also fined £1,000 by the SFA for the crowd trouble at which more than 50 fans were arrested and more than 100 ejected from the ground. A fence has since been erected.

BILLY'S all Wright

WHEN Everton's Billy Wright (left) made his England Under-21 debut in Denmark recently, many people recalled how his famous namesake won 105 caps for the country. But perhaps they didn't know this Billy Wright is a nephew of another former England international full-back Tommy Wright who won 11 caps between 1968 and 1970.



STAY AT HOME FRANCIS

ENGLAND star Trevor Francis, who is unlikely to play again for Birmingham City until the New Year, will be spending most of his time at home.

One outside activity he won't be involved in is — watching soccer.

He said: "Since the injury I've watched two games, Blues v. Liverpool and Plymouth v. Swindon, but I've come to the conclusion I do not like being a spectator. In future I will stay at home."

EIRE v. ENGLAND ... facts and figures

WHILE in Dublin England's Kevin Keegan will be presented with his European TV Footballer of the Year award for last season, by the European Footballers' Commentators Association Television. The trophy was made in Eire.

THIS will be Johnny Giles' 26th game in charge. Complete record is: P25 W9 D8 L8 F33 A27. Players used 42.

EIRE'S complete international record. P167 W54 D34 L79 F238 A314.

EIRE'S European Championship record. P28 W8 D7 L13 F33 A49. Record win: 4-0 v. Turkey (H) 1975. Record Defeat: 0-6 v. Austria (A) 1971.

ENGLAND'S last appearance in Dublin was in May, 1971, when their "reserves" played Eire as part of the F.A.I.'s Golden Jubilee celebrations. The game ended 1-1. David Wagstaffe and Steve Heighway were the scorers. Caps were not awarded. It was Heighway's only goal in the green shirt.

LANSDOWNE Road was the venue for the first ever international played in Eire. On 17th March (St. Patrick's Day), 1900, England travelled to the Irish Rugby Union's headquarters and beat Ireland 2-0, with goals from Johnston and Sagar.



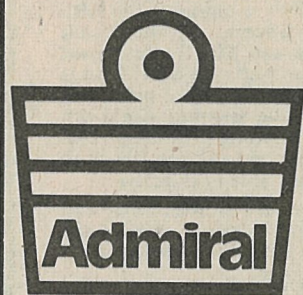
THE English Schools' Football Association recently announced the Smith Food Group is to sponsor a National Six-a-side Championship for schoolboys between the ages of nine and 11.

Over the next three years Smiths will pour in £20,000 for the tournament, which starts this month (October) and will end on June 9th, 1979, with the Semi-Finals and Final being played at Wembley Stadium.

Guest of honour at the launching was Queens Park Rangers' John Hollins who said: "It is a dream to play at Wembley and I wish they had a competition like this when I was at school. It is a great opportunity and I am sure it will be a tremendous success."

● Pictured with the trophy at Wembley are Alan Child (left, ESFA Chairman), John Hollins and SHOOT's John Hamon.

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Mick Jones

Did that great-hearted player Mick
Jones ever play for any club other than
Leeds?

**MARTIN O'CONNELL,
EIRE**

● Yes, certainly he did, Martin — in
fact, the first two of his three full Eng-
land caps came while with Sheffield
United.

Mick scored 63 goals in 149 League
games for them before moving on to
Leeds in September, 1967.

While there, he scored another 76
times in 219 games — and, of course,
laid on the Allan Clarke goal by which
Leeds beat Arsenal in the 1972 F.A. Cup
Final — before injury sadly caused his
early retirement.

All told, that was quite a season for
goalscoring centuries. Third-placed
Sheffield Wednesday got 102; Everton
scored 121 in the Second Division; Cryst-
al Palace 107 in the Third (South); and
Tranmere had 111, and Chesterfield and
Lincoln 102 apiece, in the Third (North).

Gordon Banks

Can you please tell me the date and
opponents of Gordon Banks' last
League game for Stoke?

**BARRY WRAY,
HULL**

● It was in a 2-1 defeat by Liverpool, at
Anfield on 21st October, 1972, that
Banksie played his last Football League
game.

Sadly, the following day, the then
World's number one 'keeper was badly
injured in the car crash in which he lost
the sight of an eye.

Record away wins

What is the highest AWAY win in the
English First Division?

**ANDREW OLLERSHAW,
WARRINGTON**

● 9-1 it is, Andrew — and that particular
record is shared by two clubs.

On 5th December, 1908, Sunderland
won by that score at Newcastle — who,
ironically, went on to become League
Champions that season, nine points
ahead of their conquering neighbours.

And Wolves won by a similar 9-1
margin at Cardiff on 3rd September,
1955.

But, away-wise, pride of place must
surely go to Hibernian in Scotland. In
the League, they won 11-1 at Airdrie on
24th October, 1959 — then 10-2 at
Partick just eight Saturdays later!

Maine Road Champs

Please could you tell me how many
times my favourite team, Manchester
City, have been League Champions?

**SUZANNE DICKINSON,
OLDHAM**

● So far, Suzanne, City have only man-
aged it twice — in 1936-37 and 1967-68.

But they've also nearly got there with
a runners-up spot in 1903-04, 1920-21,
and 1976-77.

Goals galore for Villa

Which team has scored the most First
Division goals in a single season?

**N. P. REES,
LONDON, N.16**

● Aston Villa hold that record — with
128 goals in their 42 League games in
1930-31.

Even then, they weren't Champions —
Arsenal, who scored 127 goals, pipped
Villa by seven clear points.

Goal-happy England

My friend tells me that, in Wartime
internationals in 1943, England scored
eight goals in successive games against
Wales and Scotland. If that's true, what
was the England team?

**TOMMY WALSH,
SALFORD**

● Spot-on right, Tommy. At Wembley,
on 25th September, 1943, England beat
Wales 8-3 — and then, at Manchester's
Maine Road on 16th October, walloped
Scotland 8-0.

Against Wales, England's team was —
Alec Roxburgh; Laurie Scott, George
Hardwick; Cliff Britton, Stan Cullis,
Frank Soo; Stanley Matthews, Raich
Carter, Don Welsh, Jimmy Hagan, and
Denis Compton.

Against Scotland... Frank Swift, Joe
Mercer, and Tommy Lawton came in for
Roxburgh, Soo, and Welsh.

Incidentally, the all-powerful England
team of the era scored half-a-dozen
times in their next game, too — beating
Scotland 6-2 at Wembley on 19th Feb-
ruary, 1944.

SHORT PASSES

● Osvaldo Ardiles used to play for
Huracan; Ricardo Villa for Racing
Club.

(STEPHEN LESTER, Newcastle)

● The fastest goal in the World Cup
in Argentina was scored by France's
Bernard Lacombe — 38 seconds
after the start of the game against
Italy.

(PARK CHOO CHARK, Malaysia)

● Real Madrid have been Spanish
League Champions 18 times, and
won the Spanish Cup 13 times.

(GREGORY PARSONS, Warley)

A Happy Anniversary, Alan Dicks...

No real glory . . . more than one crisis . . . yet the longest-serving manager in the First Division has every reason to celebrate 11 years at Bristol City.

WHEN Alan Dicks became Bristol City manager on October 17, 1967, the Ashton Gate club were not long out of the Third Division and stuck firmly in the middle of the Second.

Today, Dicks celebrates 11 years as City boss, a statistic which makes him the longest-serving manager in the First Division.

But to him, even more important is the fact he stands at the head of the strongest, most versatile and probably most experienced Bristol City squad in the club's 84 year history.

For quietly-spoken Dicks, one of soccer's true gentlemen, his current position is totally deserved. Because he has survived more than one crisis with City, hauled them out of the Second Division as runners-up in 1976, kept them in the First Division and provided the initially sceptical fans with players of talent and quality.

Before that memorable promotion season, City's last spell in the First Division dated back to 1911. They had, in total, spent only from 1906-1911 in the top flight finishing F.A. Cup runners-up to Manchester United in 1909.

That is what eats at Dicks more than anything . . . City's lack of tangible honours, past or present. Under him they reached the League Cup Semi-Finals in 1971, but apart from one Welsh Cup win in 1934, the record makes grey reading.

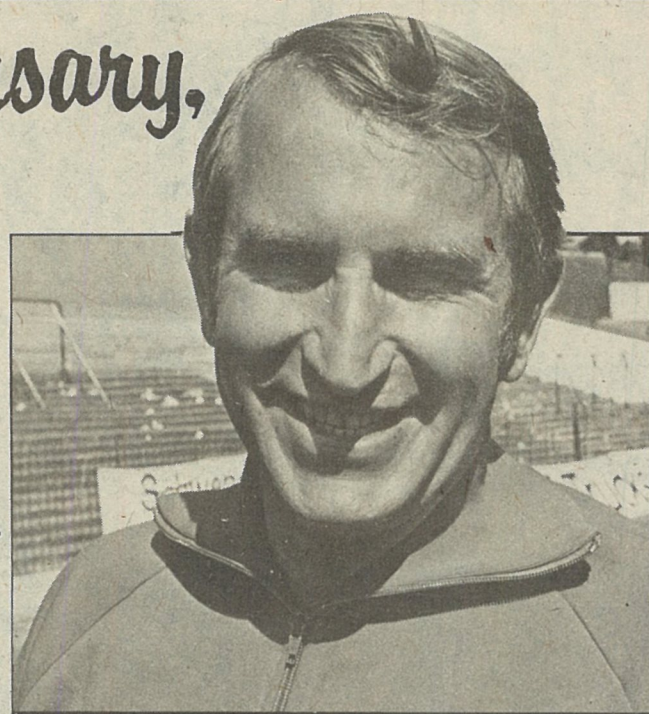
Dicks is a realist. He prefers not to discuss the fact he has survived in management with one club longer than many managers achieve in a career. But he does talk, often bluntly, about his ambitions for Bristol's top club.

"I hear it said we have made our best start to a First Division campaign. As it stands, that is true. But so what? How often do people in football open their mouths to make bold predictions only to fall by them?"

"Too often we are viewed as having achieved something by winning away from home, or because we stand in the top half of the First Division. City are past that stage now. We must break in to the upper-levels. And that can only be done by winning a major honour.

"You can play well and lose . . . the fans are not impressed. Play scrappily and win and they sing your praises. Unless you are one of the minority of fans who watch games purely to enjoy the finer points of play, the technical aspects without getting emotionally involved, you will feel a passion for your team. And that is why it is more important to you they win than anything else.

"So until Bristol City win a trophy we will not join the elite. I read I should be pleased we are out of the Anglo-Scottish Cup



and out of the League Cup, because it left us to concentrate on the League. What rubbish!

"I see the situation from the other viewpoint. There go two competitions we cannot win.

"Getting into Europe would be something special for us. But that is not the height of our ambition, as so many folk appear to think. Because that would be like admitting to small thinking and a lack of ambition."

One glance at the City squad is sufficient to convince anyone Dicks means business.

Former internationals such as

Joe Royle, Norman Hunter, Peter Cormack and Terry Cooper give the team a balance and cool head. These players have seen it all before. The prospect of success excites them, but does not overawe them.

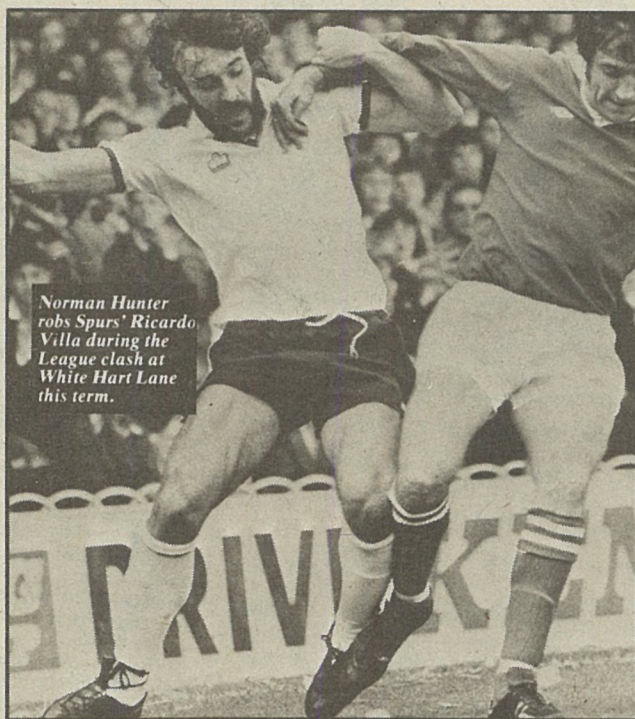
"My biggest concern was the amount of injuries we had. Norman had an Achilles tendon operation during the summer. Thankfully that has now cleared up. Terry was also dogged by a similar injury. Geoff Merrick is making progress after a nasty pelvic strain and Gary Collier is recovering well from a cartilage operation."

Dicks began to run through his team then stopped. "I don't want to moan about the injuries. They hit every manager at some time or other. I would rather talk about the best squad I have ever had.

"I take nothing away from the lads who took this club out of the Third and Second Divisions. But when you play at this level and play with a view to doing more than simply surviving, you must have class.

"We have that at Ashton Gate. One recent game, a 2-2 draw with Everton, proved such a tremendous affair, marred only by the fact they finished the game with ten men. But one goal to either side when the game was locked at its height would have produced a completely different scoreline and probably even given rise to a much higher-scoring match.

"I am still prepared to improve what I already have. But then every manager is in the market for good players when they become available. At the moment I am very proud of the squad at City and convinced we are going to break through that upper crust before very long."



Norman Hunter robs Spurs' Ricardo Villa during the League clash at White Hart Lane this term.

'England Will Attack Again, But More Cautiously'

RAY WILKINS
Writes for you



"I was disappointed Liverpool were knocked out of the European Cup."

WHILE my fingers are crossed I play for England against the Republic of Ireland next week, there are more pressing matters in hand. As with every international, the club comes first and I am both upset and concerned about the way things have been going for Chelsea this season.

We haven't been doing well, especially at home, and it's a worrying situation. Of course, we've spoken about the problem, although it's never easy to pinpoint the cause.

After our fourth successive home defeat, 1-3 by West Brom, manager Ken Shellito criticised us

in the Press and I can assure you what went on "behind closed doors" was ten times worse. Ken's head is on the chopping-block and he felt justified in having a go at us.

Perhaps strangely, the mood in training on the Monday morning wasn't as subdued as you'd think. All of the players were talking about the possibility of Johan Cruyff joining us. What a prospect...

Ken was very annoyed with the way we'd played against West Brom. Even though we lost even heavier, 1-4, to Manchester City a fortnight before, at least we

created some chances then. Against Albion, apart from Steve Wicks' early goal, and Garry Stanley's near-miss soon afterwards, we didn't pose much threat as an attacking force.

Away from Stamford Bridge our form has been better; at home, we use the same formation, but the ball is like a hot potato... no one wants it. The team has been lacking in confidence and has given away some dreadful goals. Seeing some of them again on television made me wince. I've said repeatedly in my SHOOT column Chelsea must be more professional.

First Division clubs punish mistakes mercilessly and so we must place particular emphasis on keeping our concentration — and the ball.

This is the worst spell I've ever

experienced in football. Yes, even worse than relegation. When we went down, we were in such a hopeless situation we were never really going to avoid the drop, and by the time I came into the side Division Two was staring us in the face.

Now, for the first time, I'm experiencing pressure. I realise I've made a name for myself and I'm expected to produce a high standard of consistency. I'm not doing this, and neither is the team.

It will take a team effort to get us out of trouble. While it would be very nice to have Cruyff in our side, even he couldn't save us single-handed. I repeat, it'll be a *team* effort.

I can promise our fans every player is giving and will continue to give 100 per cent. We'll do our best, and nobody can ask more



"Eire's David O'Leary clears from Kevin Keegan at Wembley in the 1976 draw."

than that.

Our supporters, especially those in the stands, have become frustrated. Okay, they pay their money and feel entitled to be critical of the players. Yet on the other hand when 20,000 people jeer or groan, it does nothing for the players' confidence. An evil circle!

Anyway, on to a rather happier note... by winning in Denmark, England put themselves in the driving seat of the European Championship group.

If we avoid defeat in Dublin, our chances of qualification will be even better, whilst the Republic could virtually wave goodbye to their hopes if they don't beat us.

I was surprised they didn't beat Northern Ireland in the historic clash and I rate Eire very highly.

I've never been to Dublin, or anywhere in Southern Ireland. I was in Belfast with Don Revie's England and loved it. The soccer-loving fans gave us a warm reception and I look forward to a similar welcome next week in the other capital.

It's a shame, but perfectly understandable, England fans have been banned from the match. After the disgrace caused by some mindless supporters in Copenhagen last month, something had to be done, although it's a pity so many true fans are hit.

I played against the Republic in the 1976 1-1 draw at Wembley. It was my nudge on Steve Heighway that enabled Gerry Daly to equalise from the penalty-spot. Yes, it WAS a penalty. I own up!

Eire looked good that night and fully deserved their draw. They could even have won. The game in Dublin will be very difficult for us. It's been 14 years since we last played in Dublin and I'm sure the Irish would just love to put one over on us. After all, they're basically our club-mates, yet we rarely play against each other, unlike the other Home countries.

Ireland are particularly strong in

midfield, with Gerry Daly, Liam Brady and Johnny Giles. I'm told Johnny was given some "stick" in the all-Ireland game, which surprised me. He's been a fabulous player... can anyone remember a better passer of the ball in recent years? He is so hard to tackle, because he creates time and space for himself so well.

I would think Ron Greenwood will tell England not to venture forward in such vast numbers this time. In Denmark, we did, as he said afterwards, carry attacking soccer to its extreme. I'm sure we'll still take the game to Eire, while staying tighter at the back.

Four points from two games would be a dream start. Even three from two matches would be satisfying. But it won't be easy.

Nor will Chelsea's League game this Saturday (October 21st) — we play Liverpool at Anfield. I was sorry The Reds were knocked out of the European Cup, although I mean no disrespect to Forest. It's simply after all Liverpool have done for our football over the years, I'd have loved to see them complete their European hat-trick.

From what I saw on television they made the mistake of trying to equalise at the City Ground when 0-1 down. Anywhere on the Continent and Liverpool would have settled for 0-1, finishing the job off at Anfield, as usual. By coming forward, they left gaps at the back and Colin Barrett sneaked up to score the "killer" second goal.

Now, I hope Forest go on and win the European Cup. With quite a few "big guns" already out, they must be in with a chance, although I think Liverpool would have done better.

Join me again in a fortnight,

Raymond

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This week's Star Letter comes from Alan Richards of Addington, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

WHAT WE WANT IS WATFORD!

AS a fan of Chelsea, I can only say what a shame it is Watford are in Division Three. Their superb young manager, Graham Taylor, belongs in Division One, alongside the other top coaches of the League.

I don't know what it is about him, but as a neutral I admire the way he has built two teams who play football in the true sense of the word. He can be proud of Lincoln, who broke all sorts of points and goalscoring records, and now his Watford side is an example to all.

I'm sure he'll lead Watford into Division One in the Eighties and if they continue to play as they are... I just hope Chelsea are there to play them!

● Yes, Graham must be just about the best young manager in the League. Watford are lucky to have him — and they mean to keep him, as his reported £25,000 a year contract proves.

Example

LIKE other people, I am distressed at the amount of hooliganism at matches each week. I don't think we can stop this trouble on the terraces while the players on the field are setting a bad example.

PAUL WHITE, SWINTON.



● Most of the trouble at games is not on the terraces, but before and after matches... in the street or on the trains. You can't blame the players for that.

KD v. KK

THERE is no way Kenny Dalglish is as good or better than Kevin Keegan. Dalglish was very disappointing against Forest at Anfield in the European Cup, compared with Keegan against Denmark.

ROBERT ROACH, TOWCESTER.

● You can't form an opinion on the strength of one or two games. Both are fine players, but Keegan definitely has the edge at international level, where Dalglish has never really stamped his authority.

Scots Boss

IF the S.F.A. had sacked Ally MacLeod after the Argentina fiasco they could have appointed a new manager before the start of the season. By keeping MacLeod on until he eventually resigned, they have put themselves and Jock Stein in an awkward position.

Had Ally been sacked earlier, Jock would have taken the job before he went to Leeds.

JOHN SMITH, BUCKIE.

● As we point out elsewhere in this issue, both the S.F.A. and Stein have let themselves down badly... not to mention MacLeod. What a pity Stein — THE man for Scotland — should have been given, and accepted, the job under these circumstances.

Funny Game

THERE'S a saying in football that it's a funny old game and after the results of one week in October this saying was never more appropriate.

In the European Cup, Rangers, who hadn't won a League game, beat Juventus... in other words, virtually the Italian national team.

In the Anglo-Scottish Cup, Celtic, top of the Premier Division, lost at home to Burnley — who, in turn, had lost at home to Sunderland a few days before, and Sunderland had nine men for much of the match!

DAVID PEARSON, BLACKBURN.

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Pen-Pal

I'M a 23-year-old fan from Brazil and I'd like pen-pals anywhere in the world.

CARLOS CASTRO, NUNES MACHADO, 316, 9000 — PORTO ALEGRE — RS, BRAZIL.

Johan Cruyff- 'WHY I CHOSE CHELSEA'



DESPITE showing in the recent friendly match at Chelsea he has lost none of his skill or pace, Johan Cruyff will definitely NOT be playing professional football again. Even for Chelsea who made a dramatic bid to sign him, after he had played for Cosmos at Stamford Bridge. Johan made that abundantly clear when he told SHOOT: "I am very happy with the decision I made to retire. I will not be joining any club."

Cruyff, whose decision to quit, has been a sickening blow not just to his last club, Barcelona, or his country, Holland, but to the game of football in general, told us: "I lost my appetite for the competitive game a long time ago, and the only football I enjoy playing now is in friendly matches like this one."

"I didn't even get a fee to play at Stamford Bridge — because I am not a professional any more. I had 15 years at the top so why should I want to carry on playing any more?"

"It would have been a waste of time me playing in Argentina in the World Cup Finals because I wouldn't have been able to give 100 per cent effort. I wasn't really interested in playing."

"Over the years I have earned a lot of money, so I promised myself and my family I would finish."

"Naturally I was disappointed Holland didn't win the Final against Argentina. I am convinced if the match had been played anywhere in Europe we would have taken the Cup."

"The referee was very poor, and it is unfortunate this sort of thing can mar such an important game."

Cruyff promised Cosmos he would play in two of their matches on the European tour and he chose Chelsea as one of them because "I always like playing in front of English crowds and against good teams."

Before the Stamford Bridge match which attracted a season's best crowd of almost 40,000 the Cosmos had experienced disastrous results in West Germany.

Fortunately they redeemed themselves thanks to Beckenbauer, Tueart and reinforcements Cruyff and Steve Hunt, being unlucky to concede a last minute Ray Wilkins goal which made the final score one apiece.

"I heard Chelsea were in financial difficulties and I was glad I chose to play against them. I hope they were pleased with the crowd. There certainly seemed to be a good atmosphere out there," said Cruyff, who but for his abdication would surely still lay claim to the title of the world's best footballer.

Life With COSMOS

Dennis Tueart-

'LEAVING ENGLAND THE RIGHT DECISION'

IN view of Ron Greenwood's avowed policy to use wingers in an attacking formation for England, Dennis Tueart could be forgiven for thinking he badly mistimed his move to America.

Tueart's dashing style was a vital factor in successes for Sunderland and Manchester City, but he never really won favour with Don Revie, and before the turn of last year he studied the situation and told himself a move to Cosmos was the best thing for his wife and family.

"I don't regret that decision for one moment, but I must admit when I read about England and the way they are playing under Ron Greenwood I do always imagine I could still have been part of that set-up."

"At the time I moved my England prospects, if not bleak, were not particularly rosy either because Don Revie, much as I respected him, didn't seem too interested in using wingers."

"I am a professional footballer and have always had a professional attitude. When Cosmos made the offer for me I weighed up all the pros and cons and decided

to go. England will have an international side for years, but my career can only go on for a fraction of that time. I have to make my living while I'm at my peak and having thought about it I'm sure I did the right thing."

"Obviously my life style is very different to that I enjoyed in Manchester, and I am very well paid."

Surprisingly Dennis doesn't miss the more competitive element of the First Division, either.

"Not at all. Remember it's a whole new adventure for so many of us in America. Although I wasn't the best of travellers even in England, it's exciting to go to so many new places."

"We fly off to Fort Lauderdale, or Chicago or Philadelphia and everywhere is different. Remember Florida is bigger than the whole of England so there always seems to be more to look at than you have time to see."

"We get crowds of 60,000 or 70,000 for home games, and not even the Sunderland-Newcastle or Manchester derbies used to attract crowds like that so it's just as stimulating if not more so."

Dennis enjoyed his first re-

appearance on a British football ground when he helped Cosmos to the 1-1 draw with Chelsea by scoring the only goal for the Americans.

"I think I proved something to the people who turned up at the Bridge and I certainly proved something to myself — I made the right decision."

"People thought I might have

lost my edge or my appetite for the game, but I reckon I'm just as sharp as I was when I was playing for City every week."

"The North American League is far more competitive than people imagine, and I was delighted to get two of the goals that enabled us to win the Championship."

"I was voted man-of-the-match against Tampa Bay and that meant as much to me as any of the honours I won in England."

"American football is definitely on the upgrade and while it still has a long way to go to catch up the English League I'm sure it's moving in the right direction," he says.



Dennis Tueart (white strip) scores the goal for Cosmos in the 1-1 draw at Stamford Bridge.

Giorgio Chinaglia-

'I MISS PLAYING FOR ITALY'

ASK Giorgio Chinaglia if he ever regrets leaving Swansea, where he started his football career as a teenage striker, and he'll toss his head in the air, let out a loud guffaw, and in his best Welsh-Italian accent tell you to 'Leave orf!'

Life has been good to Giorgio since those days at the Vetch Field which seem "an eternity ago."

He's won international caps for Italy, domestic honours with Napoli and Lazio, and become the top marksman in the North American Soccer League.

"I still have a great regard for Swansea, and it's a terrific joke in the Cosmos dressing room I always look to see how Swansea do every week. While everyone else is talking about Bayern Munich, Manchester City and Santos, there am I scanning through the Third Division results."

"Still it's good to see they're on the way up again and it looks as if John Toshack is doing a good job."

Born in Carrara in Italy, Giorgio went to Swansea when the club was still reflecting in the glory players like Ivor Allchurch, Terry

Medwin and Cliff Jones had brought it.

Today he plays alongside even more famous world wide names such as Beckenbauer, Pelé in the last few years, and Cruyff on the recent European tour.

"American soccer has definitely caught on, and we have one of the best stadiums in the world in the Giant Stadium in New Jersey. Some of the other clubs in the North American League are catching us up in terms of drawing power and I think people will have to take us very seriously in the next few years," says Giorgio.

As he has just finished as leading scorer in the League for the second time in three years, Giorgio can afford to smile about his own play.

"This has been an exciting period of my career, and while obviously I miss playing at the highest level in Italy, and for my country, the Cosmos have more than compensated me for that in the way they have treated me and given me three years of enjoyment in the game that I might otherwise not have had."

"The English stars have done a



lot for the game over in the States, and the quality of players coming over the Atlantic improves every year as you can see by the fact we've now attracted Dennis Tueart, Charlie George and Trevor Francis who were all in Don Revie's squad not so long ago."

Like many more, Giorgio is con-

vinced the British must learn from the Americans how to market the game better.

"You have to learn how to entertain the public before and after a game, and at half-time. At the moment they just seem to get bored, and a fed-up fan can be a dangerous one," he says.

When the North American Champions visited London recently SHOOT talked to three of their international stars and the great Johan Cruyff who made a special appearance for them at Stamford Bridge.

Franz Beckenbauer-

FRANZ Beckenbauer has always been one of the most elegant, well-mannered professional footballers it could be anybody's privilege to meet.

And after his first full season in American football he says just what you'd expect him to say: "The American people have been wonderful. They are so very friendly, and they have made my wife and myself very happy."

The perfect comment to make his bosses happy and Franz, 33, wasn't just being tactful, he really meant that.

But having said that, Beckenbauer had to admit he's not taken in by all the gloss and tinsel that is the trademark of the American game.

Asked if the Americans could catch up with the rest of the aristocrats of the football world, Franz shook his head and gave a profound answer: "The English have been playing the game for more than a century. The West Germans, the Italians and the South Americans are steeped heavily in football tradition."

"But the Americans are still children in comparison. What can you achieve in ten or 15 years at the side of tradition like that."

"Some people in the United



'SO STRANGE AFTER THE BUNDESLIGA'

States are very ambitious and obviously very optimistic, but they are confused.

"American football has to rely on people like myself and Pelé and a lot of very good players from England and Yugoslavia to try and change habits of a lifetime. Then they have to breed players of their own who are just as good and that cannot happen quickly."

"I think if America gets a team into the World Cup Finals inside 15 years they will do very well."

"There are some very enthusiastic people working now in American football and as I said they have been very kind and generous to myself and wife. They are very good at selling the game but I still find it strange playing on astro-turf pitches after all those years of fierce competition in the Bundesliga."

Franz, who joined Cosmos last year after winning 103 caps for West Germany, said he naturally missed the cut and thrust of his native League, but he did not regret his decision to leave Bayern Munich.

"I was bitterly disappointed by West Germany's performances in the World Cup. I thought they would at least reach the last four, but having watched on television when they played their opening match with Poland, I sensed they were not going to be strong enough."

"A lot of the players disappointed me and it was the poorest West German squad there has been for many years," he admitted ruefully.

Looking at Franz's performance against Chelsea, it seems as if he could play until he is 40.

"I have to put more into my training now. Not so much physically, but my muscles. I make sure I do a lot of stretching exercises and I believe massage is also very important to keep supple."

Just as the World Cup missed Cruyff, it missed Beckenbauer. Sadly, there are no apparent heirs to the respective superstars' thrones.

Where are the next Cruyffs and Beckenbauers? In America, perhaps?

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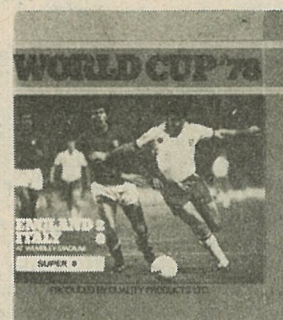
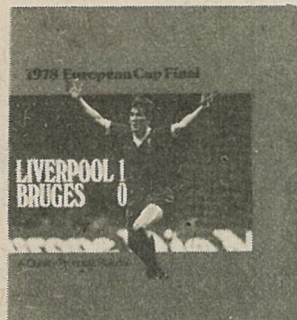
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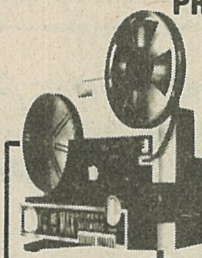
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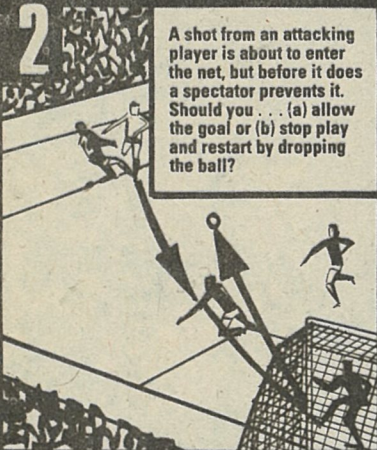


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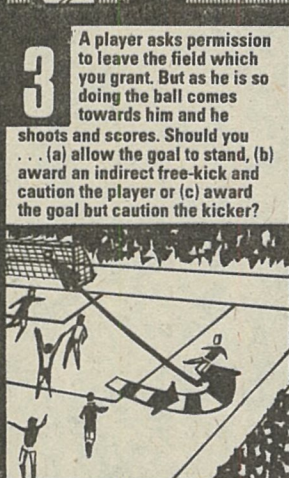
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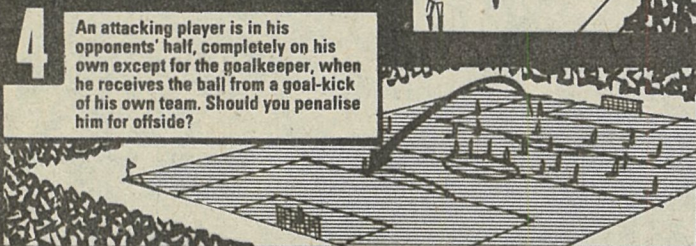
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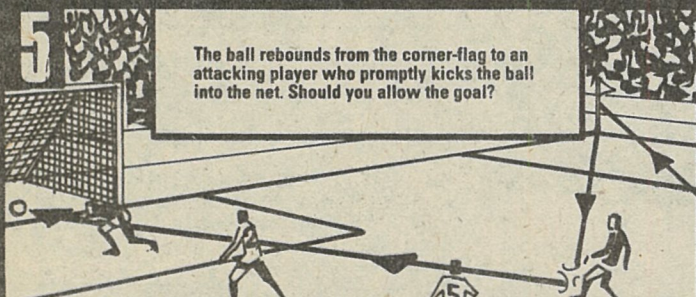
2 A shot from an attacking player is about to enter the net, but before it does a spectator prevents it. Should you... (a) allow the goal or (b) stop play and restart by dropping the ball?



3 A player asks permission to leave the field which you grant. But as he is so doing the ball comes towards him and he shoots and scores. Should you... (a) allow the goal to stand, (b) award an indirect free-kick and caution the player or (c) award the goal but caution the kicker?



4 An attacking player is in his opponents' half, completely on his own except for the goalkeeper, when he receives the ball from a goal-kick of his own team. Should you penalise him for offside?



5 The ball rebounds from the corner-flag to an attacking player who promptly kicks the ball into the net. Should you allow the goal?

ANSWERS

1. No. The referee must stop play immediately the ball bursts and restart with a dropped ball from the place where it happened.
2. It must be restarted by dropping the ball (b) where it came into contact with the spectator. The other week I refereed a match in North Wales when I had to stop play for a rabbit that had come on to the field. It was something I'd never experienced in my career.
3. Indirect free-kick and caution the player (b).
4. No. A player cannot be offside at the taking of a goal-kick.
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LEFT . . . Everton's Bob Latchford climbs above team-mate Mickey Walsh and Southampton goalkeeper Terry Gennoe but just misses with a header. The game finished 0-0.

ABOVE . . . Alan Sunderland of Arsenal and Ken McNaught (dark shorts) of Aston Villa in a mid-air heading duel for the ball. Both sides shared the points in a 1-1 draw at Highbury.

ABOVE, RIGHT . . . West Ham's Bryan Robson (centre) is beaten to the ball by Millwall's Barry Kitchener. But Pop had the last laugh by scoring all three in The Hammers' 3-0 win at Upton Park.

RIGHT . . . Both Joe Jordan (left) of Manchester United and Middlesbrough's Stuart Boam get to grips with each other in a race for the ball. United triumphed 3-2.

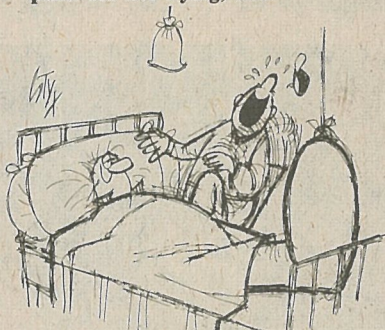
FAR RIGHT . . . John Jackson clears for Orient with a solid punch to thwart these two Charlton players.

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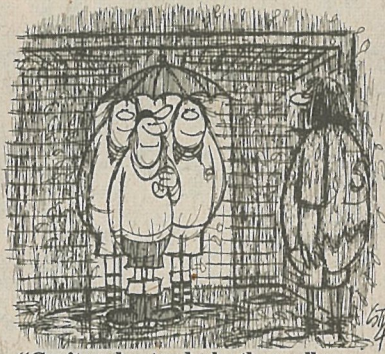


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'LESS FUN-MORE CUPS and TROPHIES for MAN. UNITED'

says Steve Coppel

MANCHESTER United may lose the dashing enthusiasm from their play — but they'll probably gain more points and trophies. That's the early season message from United and England player, Steve Coppel.

Coppel believes United's approach will change gradually during the course of this season. The old devil may care attitude brought a lot of fun and enjoyment but not very many Championships or Cups. So now, United are bringing in a wiser, more careful plan which could still entertain but bring more trophies to Old Trafford.

The England man explains: "We aim to take an idea out of Liverpool's book. They have been a hard team to beat over the years and that helps if you want to win something. At the start of this season, we weren't playing particularly well but were picking up points. That was a good sign for the future.

"Before, if we didn't play well, we didn't get anything from the match. But picking up points, perhaps one or even two, when you're not playing very well has been the key to Liverpool's success.

"Put it like this. Perhaps we are now slightly more professional although we have still given away

some silly goals. We are getting more experienced and realising you cannot give teams in this Division a goal start. That's what we have often done in the past and we accept it cannot go on like that.

"We are getting more clinical in our approach. It might take the dashing enthusiasm out of our play but we might get more points. If we do that, it will be worthwhile."

Coppel's point — and United's — is a valid one. Apart from that F.A. Cup win in 1977 and the Second Division Championship title in 1975, United have not taken a major trophy back to Old Trafford since that famous European Cup win back in 1968. It's 12 long years since Manchester United were Champions of England — and for a club with United's name and tradition, that's far too long.

Coppel says: "Success is the greatest measure in this game. Maybe it's a shame it's like that but we must do what most people want us to do . . . win trophies. We've had an erratic few years. We won one Cup Final, lost another and have been in and out of the First Division.

"We had a poor season last year — there's no getting away from that. We lost the Cup early on, never looked

like winning the League and had a disappointing term all round. We've got to improve on that sort of campaign.

"You have to learn things from your down periods. Every club has them but it's the clubs that learn from their mistakes and poor spells, that comes back strongly.

"A lot of people saw last term as a horrible time," says Coppel. "We're all keen to put that memory aside and do something this season. My aim? Just to win as many medals and Cups as is possible with United. We cannot afford another like we had last time — that would be terrible and all the players know it."

Coppel says no one particular reason was to blame for last year's failings. "I've thought a lot about it and can't put my finger on any special point.

"I expect us to be much more in contention for the League this season. I feel we are capable of being up there not far away at the run-in. The others? Much the same as last time, I would think. Liverpool made a great start and will be as hard to beat as ever. Nottingham Forest didn't make that good a start but they weren't getting beaten. Manchester City and Everton will probably be there, too.



"But we will help our cause if we put our chances away more. I've been as guilty as the others; we have all missed good openings that have been created and against First Division defences, you cannot afford to miss many of those because it might be a long time before some more opportunities are offered.

"United will still be good to watch, don't worry about that. But we'll be even more popular with our fans if we start winning some trophies. That is our great aim now."

'Bolton can be another Derby or Ipswich'

reckons Alan Gowling



THE BIG crowds of the old days will roll back into Burnden Park to see mighty Bolton Wanderers — that's the tip from Bolton striker Alan Gowling. But Gowling adds a cautious note to that statement . . . "as long as Bolton survive in the First Division and build from there."

It is 14 long years since famous Bolton played First Division football. And in that time, clubs close to Bolton like Manchester United, Manchester City, Liverpool and Everton have been tasting success — and building up their support. In an area that teems with football clubs, life is a struggle to win back lost fans. Yet Gowling believes Bolton can do it — although it will take a little while.

"It is very important we survive this season and then build on that," says Gowling. "It is most important to the club they have got back to the First. Relegation now would be a complete disaster. We have to establish ourselves and build for the future. I don't think we shall be doing a Nottingham Forest and go straight on to winning the League Championship title. That was exceptional and we do not

expect to achieve that.

"We shall be happy to survive and build on that. Bolton's future must be in Division One so we have to be careful the club stays here. I feel Bolton can become another Derby or Ipswich, in a year or two. Those clubs have won their trophies and I think Bolton will be capable of that in a few years.

"The crowds are something else. We averaged about 22,000 in our first few home matches which wasn't bad considering we'd been out of the First for 14 years.

"It will take time to bring back the really big crowds that once filled this ground. But in time, I don't see why the club cannot do it. The club is well organised in terms of things going on off the field and the reserves. There are a lot of good young players coming through and as they develop, so things should for the club, too.

"The great thing is to get a foundation. We had 22,000 crowds in the early part of the season on average, yet we hadn't had any of the derby games at that stage. With sides like the Manchester and Liverpool clubs on the doorstep, those derby matches are going to

mean a great deal this season.

"I think we will push the figure up before the end of the season. People will go to watch successful clubs wherever they are so that's what we must aim for — success. Then more people will come."

Gowling's transfer to Bolton from Newcastle gave the Lancashire club a highly articulate, intelligent and useful player. What did Gowling think of the move? "I have enjoyed coming here," he says. "They are a smaller club than Newcastle but it appears things are run on the right lines. There is a good team spirit among the lads, too.

"I admit I do miss living in the North East. People think only of towns and factories up there but the fact is Northumberland has some of the best country anywhere. I enjoyed my time at Newcastle but things didn't go according to plan and you've got to accept these things. A new manager came, my face didn't fit in and it was time to move on. Now, I'm disappointed to see Newcastle in Division Two."

Bolton's start to the season was frustrated by a long injury list. "We missed Peter Reid for more than the first eight matches and the defence, which was apparently steady and virtually unchanged for most of last season, has been disrupted by injuries," says Gowling.

"But once all the injuries are sorted out, we should tighten up at the back and take it from there. As I say, don't expect Bolton to win the League this season — but watch for a gradual improvement."

'A HIGH-SCORING GAME

WE kick-off in our European Championship game against the Republic of Ireland next week with two precious points, gained against Denmark in Copenhagen, safely in our pockets.

To win away in Europe is never easy, whatever the opposition, and England have made an encouraging start. The Republic, in the same situation, only managed to take away a point, after a 3-3 draw against a side with a poor defence but a quick, dangerous attack.

The Danes shocked both of us with their ability to hit back after losing a goal. Against the Irish, not prone to give away goals, they had levelled the score after being 3-1 down. And in the first-half of our match, had pegged back two when it had seemed we were set for a runaway win.

In my preview to the match in SHOOT I made reference to the words of caution from Stevie Heighway, my Liverpool team-mate, who plays for the Republic. Stevie had pointed out the peril of sitting back on a lead against the Danes.

Kevin Keegan, in terrific form, had headed both our goals and perhaps given us the dangerous impression the going was to be easy in that delightful stadium on the outskirts of Copenhagen, filled with what must have been a capacity crowd of about 48,000.

The first indication things were destined to go wrong was when Phil

RAY CLEMENCE talking soccer

Neal, another Liverpool team-mate, had a penalty-kick given against him after a Danish free-kick outside our area. The ball had broken to a hovering Dane and Phil, alongside the wall, had been forced to make a late, desperate tackle.

Phil maintains he didn't connect with the Dane, who came down very convincingly in the box.

I thought I was prepared for the kick, knowing their number ten had converted against the Republic by putting the ball past Mick Kearn's right hand.

Maybe the Danes had guessed about my pre-match briefing because instead of giving the ball to the number ten, it was handed to Allan Simonsen.

Now Simonsen plays in the Bundesliga, for Borussia Monchengladbach. So Kevin, with Hamburger SV, came up and appeared to give me advice. In fact, he knew nothing of Simonsen's penalty-taking technique.

Kevin's "kidology" didn't affect Simonsen's composure. Cool as a



Kenny Dalglish in an attacking mood against the Londoners.

'Last season we beat Chelsea twice at Anfield'

cucumber, he drove the ball into the corner of the net. Even though I went the right way, the sheer power of the kick beat me.

Their equaliser came when Ray Wilkins lost possession in midfield. Winger Jorgen Kristensen slotted the ball neatly through our

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NOT IN PROSPECT'

opened-up defence for Frank Arnesen to lash the ball past me so fiercely it almost shattered a camera which a photographer had placed in the back of the net.

To concede two goals in such a short space of time upset our rhythm and we did not regain it until early in the second-half when Bob Latchford scored a disputed goal. The Danes claimed he had handled the ball, but he assured me it went in off his shoulder.

Phil Neal appeared to sew the game up for us by dispossessing a Dane who received the ball from a throw-out, homed in and with time to spare picked his spot in their net.

Teams often ease off after scoring a goal, and that's what happened to us. A winger was allowed to cross, our Dave Watson found himself with two players to mark, and their Per Rontved took advantage of the odds to whack the ball past me.

On too many occasions we were guilty of lack of concentration, something we must cure in time for our game against the Republic.

When the draw was first made, I considered Johnny Giles' team as our biggest rivals for a place in the Quarter-Finals.

With only two points from two draws — the second in their first-ever meeting with Northern Ireland, in Dublin — their threat is not as strong as I feared.

Both Irelands in the same group could prove fortunate for us, as they look like cancelling each other out due to the tremendous tension imposed on them.

Bulgaria could yet turn out to be the dark horses. All I know about them is they lost 1-0 recently to Italy in Turin, which, if the Italians were in top form, was no disgrace.

Abandoned

I've already played at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, this year, in a pre-season friendly with Liverpool against an Irish select side. We were winning 3-1 when the game was abandoned by the referee because over-enthusiastic fans invaded the pitch. Stevie tells me the authorities have taken precautions against it happening again by erecting high fences all round.

However, he points out one drawback to playing fast, accurate football remains — the grass is still as long as it was for Liverpool's visit. Deep grass suits the Rugby club, who use the ground, because the pitch doesn't cut up easily.

England manager Ron Greenwood's preference for a settled side indicates he is unlikely to make many, if any, changes to the side for their game. Obviously I have my fingers crossed he prefers me to my rival, and friend, Peter Shilton.

Chances are the first names Mr Greenwood writes down on the team-sheet are those of the two outstanding performers in Denmark: Kevin Keegan and Trevor Brooking.

Although tightly-marked by the little blond Lund, Kevin stuck to his task, dashing, wheeling, trying all his tricks, and was rewarded by two

Keegan is challenged by Denmark's Lund during the European Championship game in Copenhagen.



'Kevin Keegan — our man of the match in Denmark'

well-taken goals. Playing in the Bundesliga has definitely improved his close control, and he had one of his very best games for England.

Considering a long lay-off due to injury, Trevor was a revelation, grafting brilliantly in midfield, only tiring, understandably, in the last quarter-of-an-hour.

From accounts of the all-Irish match I've read and heard, Republic boss Johnny Giles has problems. He came in for stick from the fans, which means he is faced with the dilemma of deciding whether, at 36, he is holding on to a place which should go to a younger player hungry for experience, or continue in the belief he has a steady influence on his side.

The fact he replaced his two front-runners, Stevie and Frank Stapleton with Mickey Walsh and Don Givens shows he is not happy with this department.

However, he was without the services of Arsenal stopper David O'Leary, and by drafting him in will stiffen an already formidable defence.

I'm not one for making predictions, although I'm confident in forecasting this will not be a high-scoring game.

Obviously, I'm hoping for another two points from another

away win, to take England another step towards winning a trophy that so far has never left the Continent for Britain.

Four days beforehand, on Saturday, October 21st, Liverpool meet Chelsea, who have had an unhappy season so far.

Last season, at Anfield, we beat The Blues twice by 2-0, in the League and the League Cup.

But at Stamford Bridge we disgraced ourselves by losing 4-2 in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup and later by 3-1 in the League.

So we'll hardly be in a benevolent mood — are we ever? — this Saturday, and chances are we'll add to their problems.

Being knocked out of the European Cup by Nottingham Forest means we're doubly determined to win the League by a bigger margin than Brian Clough's Brigade last year.

Ray Clemence

SCOTLAND V NORWAY

'NORWEGIANS ARE CONFIDENT'

European
Championship

'Early goal so vital'
says Scotland's

ASA HARTFORD

TOP ENGLISH referee Pat Partridge this week handed out a warning to Scotland, who face Norway in a European Championship tie at Hampden they simply can't afford to lose ... or even draw.

Partridge refereed the Norway/Austria game (0-2) a few weeks ago, and says: "Norway won't disgrace themselves at Hampden Park. Considering they're amateurs, with university students and office workers in their team, the standard of their play is very high.

"Having seen Austria impress in the World Cup, I thought they'd overwhelm Norway, but they didn't.

"The Norwegians played with enthusiasm and a lot of skill. They

once in their style.

"Austria beat them 2-0 through experience more than anything. The Austrians let the ball do the work and it was here the amateur Norwegians struggled a little.

"Last month, Norway gained a very creditable 1-1 draw in Belgium, so their confidence will be high. They'll want to go to Hampden to prove this wasn't a fluke ... that they can do it again."

Can Scotland win, though?

"I'm not going to say 'yes', even though they should. Football is so unpredictable that it's foolish to say anything is a certainty.

"Scotland have some very talented players and the Hampden crowd will help them.

"It's hard to notice individuals when refereeing, although the

UNDER new manager Jock Stein, Scotland have an early opportunity to return to winning ways in their meeting with Norway.

And Manchester City's Asa Hartford believes anything less than a two or three goals success for the Scots will be counted as a moral victory for their opponents.

The Scottish international says: "Norway are the sort of opponents we are expected to beat, especially at Hampden. So the pressure is very much on Scotland to do well in this match.

"At this stage it is too early to know who will be in the team selected by Mr. Stein. But I believe over the last two years, there has been enough talent in the playing pool to give confidence Scotland can be a power in the international scene.

"However, over-confidence against Norway would be a mistake, because it is always possible to become unstuck in games of this sort.

"For example, England found it wasn't easy when they met Luxembourg in the World Cup qualifying rounds, and Scotland had a similar experience in Argentina.

"But the World Cup is behind us, and it is the future that counts. And in the Norway match, Scotland will have to close down the opposition in the first 25 minutes, and if possible, find the net during this period.

"In the early spell the Norwegians will be trying to make things as difficult as they possibly can. Which is why I stress the importance of our players getting a quick goal.

"Against Austria away we failed to get to grips with them properly for a substantial period of the game, and after trailing by three goals Scotland had to fight tre-

mendously hard to get back into the match.

"If there had been a little more time we might have added to the two goals we scored in our rally—but it was just too late to retrieve the situation. Against Norway, Scotland must be the team to take the lead.

"Under Jock Stein the Scottish squad will have the knowledge they are playing for a man who has a proven record of winning trophies over many years. And the feeling will help to breed confidence in the side which is so important."

At club level, Asa is hoping Manchester City can build up confidence by having some freedom from injuries.

He says: "In my department in midfield there have been so many changes the players haven't had the chance to become accustomed to each other's styles.

"We've had set-backs in the League but it hasn't changed my belief Manchester City can make up for lost ground and finish among the top six in the First Division at the end of the season.

"In the past two months of this term, key players have received knocks and injuries that have put them on the sidelines. I know it can happen to any team and I'm not making excuses for the times we haven't played well.

"Liverpool beat us 4-1 at Maine Road and they showed all the qualities that have made them such a force for so long.

"West Brom impressed also as a side who could go places.

"Everton are not so convincing, to me, but you can't knock their record and their start to the 1978-79 season.

"However, I expect Manchester City to at least equal their performance of last term and end up in the leading half dozen."



attacked and Hampden could see a very entertaining game."

Before Argentina, Partridge refereed a game in Iran and upon returning, was asked by a Scottish journalist what he thought about their would-be opponents.

Few people considered Iran could trouble "mighty" Scotland, but Partridge told the reporter that there was every possibility of an upset.

"I think I was proved correct. There simply aren't any easy games in international football these days.

"You must also bear in mind there are quite a few British coaches working in Norway. Watching the Norwegians, I could see a fair amount of British influ-

number 11 of Norway took my eye. I was taken by the speed of their attacks and some of the fluent moves more than anything.

"I had no problem with the Norwegians' temperament or discipline. From that point of view, the tie against Austria was a pleasure for me."

In the light of Scotland's disastrous results against other so-called minnows, Peru and Iran, in the World Cup, they'll be a little apprehensive about Norway, especially as the standard of Scandinavian soccer has shot up.

Yet surely the Scots have learned the lessons from Argentina? Or will Hampden see a shock ... just as Belgian fans did last month?



REP. OF IRELAND v ENGLAND

'No limit to what we can achieve' says player-manager

JOHNNY GILES

THE Republic of Ireland has its best chance of beating England for nearly 30 years when the teams meet in Dublin next week.

That's the belief of the brains behind the Irish player-manager Johnny Giles.

"We probably have the best squad of players available to us in our entire history and if we can take our opportunities with both hands we must be in with a great chance of reaching the Finals in Italy," says Giles.

Only once at Everton in 1949 have the Irish ever sprung a surprise on the English, the countries

national side.

"When you look at our team now with names like Daly, Heighway, Givens, Brady and O'Leary, there should be no limit to what we can achieve.

"Gerry and Liam complement each other perfectly, David must rank as the most improved centre-back, and certainly the quickest in the British Isles, Steve is as dangerous as he was when he came into the game and there aren't many better finishers in the game than Don.

"We can compete with anyone in the world right now and I'm sure we've rid ourselves of the reputation of being a soft-touch.

"We started to put that record straight when we deservedly drew with England at Wembley a couple of years ago.

"Our performances in the World Cup qualifying group were respectable as well when you consider we beat France who, although they didn't reach the Quarter-Finals, turned out to be one of the most impressive teams in Argentina."

Giles agrees that his side is still learning, but their recent record is impressive and he knows he has the talent at his disposal to make things even better.

"So many of the team that's likely to line-up against England play in the Football League anyway so there'll be no problem with the team-talk."

Headlines

Johnny Giles has forged a fine spirit in the Eire dressing-room and it's amazing how in recent years players like Ray Treacy, Jimmy Holmes and Mick Kearns, who don't figure in many headlines, have been able to raise their game at international level.

"I'm sure the Dublin crowd is going to give us a terrific lift. Although we drew with Denmark and Northern Ireland we had chances to win both and with the crowd behind us against England this could be the most significant result of the whole group.

"We were 3-1 up against Denmark and should have sealed that result there and then, but as England found out the Danes are no mean side. They were very quick and skilful and I wasn't as surprised as some when they came back from two down to make a game of it.

"If we can get a result against England we'll be in quite a strong position, but with the European Championship stretching over two years obviously an awful lot can happen in that time."

European Championship

'Our most crucial match' reckons England's
TREVOR CHERRY

ALTHOUGH Trevor Cherry is very much an England player he admits one of his greatest heroes will be the opposition manager when he wears an England shirt next.

That's not as Irish as it sounds when you consider England's next opponents are the Republic of Ireland in Dublin next Wednesday (October 25th) — and their manager is Johnny Giles, long-time friend and one-time tutor of Cherry's.

"When I left Huddersfield Town for Leeds it was a big move for me, and nobody did more for me than Johnny — he was great.

"It always takes time to adjust to a new club and Leeds being such an institution made it more difficult in a way. The fans expect so much more of all their players when they're at the top, but Johnny was unbelievable.

"Now I can appreciate what a magnificent job he's doing in Ireland. I suppose his success was inevitable."

Trevor was disappointed at being left out of England's side against Denmark in Copenhagen but accepted his role as substitute.

"I lost my place to Mick Mills when I damaged my collar bone, and it's Ron Greenwood's policy to stick with the players who win matches for him. I can't grumble at being left out and at least I'm still very much part of the set-up.

"Obviously I desperately want to play in Dublin, and there must be a chance as we're away from home, and we conceded three goals in our last match.

'Greatest'

"The last time I played in Dublin was in a testimonial for Johnny. He's still one of the greatest passers of a ball I've ever seen, and I'm sure he's one of the best coaches too.

"When we played together at Leeds he always seemed to make himself available to you. People talked about his telepathy with Billy Bremner, but really he was telepathic with all of us.

"He always wanted the ball and he taught me to be more confident. Johnny was such a positive thinker who made it easier for other players — I'm only surprised he hasn't done even better!"

Trevor believes the Giles' magic is rubbing off on other members of the Republic of Ireland side.

"Yes, but I can't see it holding England spellbound.

"My favourite is David O'Leary. He really is magic — a terrific player and so like Johnny in many

ways — only a taller version!

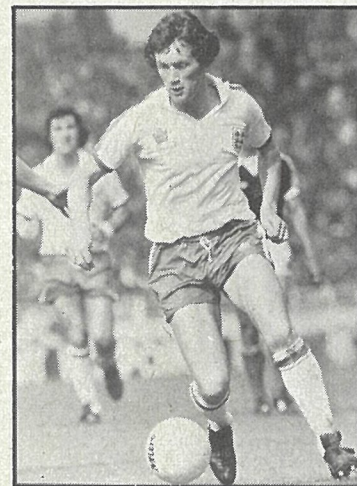
"He uses the ball intelligently and is always trying to do something constructive.

"With players like Gerry Daly, Steve Heighway and Don Givens, to say nothing of Liam Brady, who always seems to do well against Leeds, the Irish are obviously going to be difficult to beat.

"I'm sure there'll be a tremendous atmosphere, and I regard this match as maybe the most crucial in the group.

"If we can get a result in Dublin we must stand a first rate chance of reaching the European Championship Finals at least.

"I was surprised the Republic didn't beat Northern Ireland, but then again there was a lot of tension and a lot to play for in that



game, so maybe it wasn't so surprising they finished level.

"Despite conceding some soft goals in Denmark we still produced a good result at the end of the day, and the Danes were no mugs. They came back from 3-1 down to draw with Johnny's side, and they twice came back at us from 2-0 down to 2-2 and 4-2 down to 4-3 so they are obviously a very spirited side.

"Bulgaria are the unknown quantity at this stage, but Ron has built such a good family atmosphere with about 40 or 50 players involved in the senior side, the 'B' team and the Under-21's that at the moment we fancy ourselves to beat anyone.

"Ron always says he doesn't know how to play for a draw away from home. He preaches attacking football at all times, and that's what makes us so good to watch. I'm sure we'll be going for both points in Dublin, and I just hope I'm part of the team."



having met six times in all in full internationals.

The one-time Manchester United, Leeds United and West Brom midfield mastermind has had enormous influence on football in the Republic over the past 15 months.

His decision to quit West Brom after two highly-successful seasons shattered the Midlands club, but Giles, who had some scathing remarks to make about the profession of football management in England at the time, knew when he made the decisive break his future lay in his homeland, and particularly Shamrock Rovers.

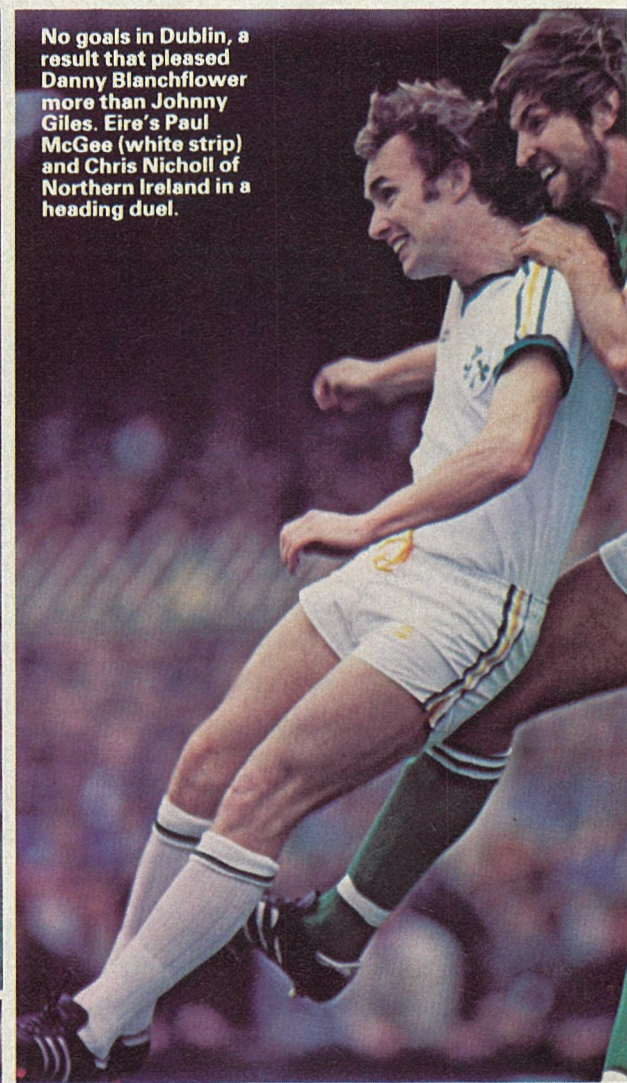
Giles now runs the Shamrock club with the same drive, precision, foresight and general telling influence he used to operate in the middle of the field with Billy Bremner at Leeds.

And the same goes for his

England winger Peter Barnes comes away from Denmark's European Footballer of the Year Allan Simonsen.



No goals in Dublin, a result that pleased Danny Blanchflower more than Johnny Giles. Eire's Paul McGee (white strip) and Chris Nicholl of Northern Ireland in a heading duel.



Man-of-the-Match Kevin Keegan dives bravely to put England 2-0 up against the Danes. There were, however, more goals to come . . . but England scraped home 4-3.



TWO points for England . . . one each for the two Irelands . . . none for Scotland — that was how last month's European Championship ties ended. **SHOOT** was at the three big matches to capture the best of the thrills and action.

MIXED FORTUNES IN EUROPE



Frank Stapleton of the Republic and Northern Ireland stopper Allan Hunter race for the ball.

Scotland lost 3-2 in Austria, but they fought back from 0-3 with this Gordon McQueen header restoring some pride.



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N. IRELAND v DENMARK

'All set for a slam-bang game' says Northern Ireland's GERRY ARMSTRONG

European Championship

"THERE IS only one way to describe our coming match with Denmark — it should be a cracker, with plenty of action at both ends."

The speaker is Gerry Armstrong, of Tottenham Hotspur and Northern Ireland, talking about his country's chances against the Danes. And if Gerry's assessment is correct, the score could be a close replica of the high-scoring England-Denmark match in September.

"Our manager, Danny Blanchflower, insists on us playing an attacking game," explains Gerry. "He would much rather us lose 6-3 than 3-0, for example, and this style enabled us to pose problems for the opposition in the British Championship last May. Even though the ball didn't always run for Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales certainly didn't have things their own way against us."

"We are constantly improving, which is why I think we'll do well against Denmark, though I respect them as a side with a positive outlook, which believes in going forward. And as they are the away team against Northern Ireland, I fancy there will be less pressure on the Danes — they haven't a lot to lose, and I fancy they will come at us. So everything is set for a slam-bang confrontation."

"For our part, the fact that we have only a small squad of players to draw on, works to our advantage in one respect — we have few changes."

"As a result, the players have plenty of opportunity to become used to each other, we know what to expect, and have knitted together well as a side. And we are not lacking in confidence."

In evaluating the Danes, Armstrong judges them to have had good players, rather than good sides, over the years.

Says Gerry: "I know they have individual flair up-front, but I reckon us to be better in defence and in midfield. In recent seasons, Northern Ireland's attack has been remiss in finishing, not scoring as many goals as we should have done — but I consider we are due for a few and can get them against Denmark. In a cut-and-thrust game I predict we'll come out on top."

"The first 20 minutes will be vital, the period when the side that is the quickest to settle down, will have the advantage. Hopefully, that will be us, but what we'll not have to forget is that Denmark got three goals against the Republic of Ireland. Obviously, the Danes are no pushover, but we'll approach this match with the thought that our own type of game is beginning to pay dividends, and set out to prove it."



Gerry (right) in action against England at Wembley.

'We Can Win In Belfast' says Denmark manager KURT NIELSEN

SHOOT: You have got to win your home matches if you want to win the group, Kurt. Why did England win in Copenhagen?

NIELSEN: Because they scored four goals and we only managed three! Joking apart, I think Kevin Keegan with his two goals and an outstanding performance was a major reason for our defeat.

SHOOT: Did England deserve the win?

NIELSEN: It was a very even match. Perhaps England were a bit better, but we wouldn't have lost if Bob Latchford's goal — scored with his hand — had been disallowed as it should have been.

SHOOT: How did you like your own team's effort?

NIELSEN: I was satisfied. That may sound strange after a defeat, but I think we have made much progress in the last three years.

SHOOT: How do you see Denmark's chances now?

NIELSEN: Our chances are, of course, reduced. But, if Bulgaria beat England and we win in Sofia ... you never can tell ...

SHOOT: Maybe you can help Johnny Giles with his preparations for the Eire/England clash — which England players impressed you in Copenhagen?

NIELSEN: I have always been a big fan of English football and in this connection I'd like to mention Dave Watson, Phil Neal — who was a great deal better than I thought — the two wingers and Bob Latchford.

SHOOT: Which team will qualify for the European Championship in Italy 1980?

NIELSEN: I suppose it will be England. They have played their most difficult match now, you know!

SHOOT: England's next match — in Dublin v. Eire — will be played the same day as you meet Northern Ireland in Belfast. Now you have met both Eire and England, how do you think their game will go?

NIELSEN: I think the two teams are very equal. It will probably be a "one-goal match". England must be the favourites.

SHOOT: What are your feelings about playing in Belfast?

NIELSEN: If you are referring to the disturbances over there I can only say that it doesn't make any difference.

SHOOT: One of Northern Ireland's greatest players was/is George Best. What do you think of him and his career?

NIELSEN: Ah, yes ... isn't it a shame? I am a fan of his, so I'm very annoyed each time I read about his excesses. He had a fantastic talent.

SHOOT: The Northern Ireland players all play in the Football League. Is that an advantage for them?



NIELSEN: Definitely. Hard games each Saturday can only develop their skills.

SHOOT: Have you seen Northern Ireland in action recently?

NIELSEN: I saw their 0-1 defeat at Wembley in May. One player, who impressed me, was their big centre-forward Gerry Armstrong of Tottenham. We'll have to watch him.

SHOOT: Northern Ireland have defeated Belgium and Yugoslavia in Belfast in recent years. Are you impressed by those results?

NIELSEN: Quite impressive wins, yes. But I think we could do the same in Copenhagen.

SHOOT: Can Denmark win in Belfast?

NIELSEN: Yes.

SHOOT: How do you rate Northern Ireland?

NIELSEN: I must admit that I laughed when I heard that their best club side, Glentoran, had lost to an Icelandic team in the U.E.F.A. Cup. They could hardly get an easier opponent. But I don't intend to underrate them. As you said, their international players are with Football League clubs.

SHOOT: Will you have the same line-up as you had versus England?

NIELSEN: Ask me five minutes before kick-off! I depend on foreign club managers as our best players are playing abroad.

SHOOT: This is your first away match. Is it an advantage to play the "first-legs" at home?

NIELSEN: It's an economical advantage. When we still have a chance to win the group we get more spectators and, as you know, the name of the game is money.

SHOOT: The Danish F.A. are looking for a new manager, though they haven't sacked you. What is your reaction to that?

NIELSEN: I was very disappointed to hear that they were advertising. The least they could have done was to consult me before taking such a step.

SHOOT: How do you see your personal future? Will you still be managing Denmark in one year's time?

NIELSEN: I hope so. I am the best there is at present.

● Interview by Jens Chr. Nohr.

WALES v MALTA

'Looking for a Flying start'

European Championship

— Wales manager Mike Smith

IT is the kind of match managers hate: where the issue is not so much whether you win or lose — but how many goals your side can expect to score. That is the international ahead for Wales manager Mike Smith whose side face Malta at Wrexham in the opening European Championship match in Group Seven.

He has been there before. This time last year, Wales played two matches — admittedly friendlies — against Kuwait and failed to score either time when every expert felt a pocket calculator should have been supplied at the turnstiles.

Smith, ever the realist, will lay it on the line for his players. "If you ever dismiss a side like Malta, you lose sight of what you have to do," he says. Smith wants an emphatic victory because he knows the other nations in the group, Turkey and West Germany, will gratefully accept the form guide supplied by Wales in acting as front runners.

He took a trip to Malta to watch one of the island's leading sides, Floriana, play Inter-Milan in the European Cup-Winners' Cup — and was impressed by a great deal more than he anticipated.

"What comes across instantly is the fanatical approach to the game there. The people live for it. The newspapers are full of football; the game dominates conversations; the television screens give a wide coverage to British matches.

"One of the first questions I was asked was 'Do you think Malta has a right to be in the European Championship?'"

"I replied every nation, large or small, has just that right — and you could see immediately that was the answer they wanted. They want passionately to become involved."

Smith is acutely aware this is the danger for Wales. Maltese national pride would erupt if their side returned home with anything less than a two or three goal defeat against the only British side to reach the Quarter-Finals of the last European Championship.

The Maltese are looking for a scalp and he has to make sure it is not that of Wales they collect. He also has to reckon the group might be settled on goal difference: then the respective rates of scoring against Malta by Wales, West Germany and Turkey become a decisive factor.

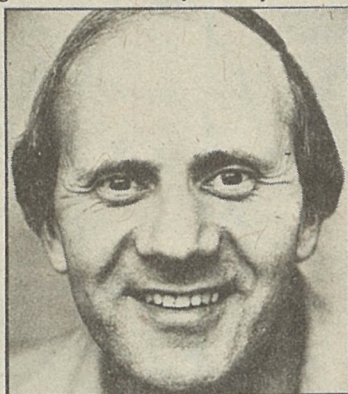
"We go into the game knowing they are not going to make it easy for us: yet we must have a flat out effort to get the win that will give us a flying start in the group."

Wales will be without skipper Terry Yorath who is suspended for this match. That is likely to mean a place for Swansea's Robbie James whose thunderous shooting had launched him into double figures as a marksman — playing from midfield — by the end of September.

Smith is planning to hit Malta from all angles. He is likely to use the flank pace of Carl Harris and Mickey Thomas to stretch wide the defensive barriers which Malta are certain to construct at the Racecourse. And he will employ height and heading power inside the penalty-area to bombard the Maltese.

He knows Malta have the ability to defend he watched Floriana duel fiercely against the world class acres of Inter-Milan. "It was 1-1 with about ten minutes to go. Then the Italians scored a penalty and finally rounded off the game with a last minute goal. It was as close as that," stresses Smith.

"I was most impressed with John Holland, a sweeper who was Malta's Player of the Year. He was doing the job he does for the national side and possessed the ability to make the grade in almost any country."



On the break, too, the Maltese could catch Wales by surprise with the Xureb brothers. Ray Xureb plays from midfield with a delicate skill which was on the point of giving him a trial at Newcastle during the reign of Richard Dinnis; brother George is a powerful finisher.

"The great leveller for the Maltese is coming to terms with conditions when they travel abroad. They are suddenly confronted by grass pitches after the rock and sand of those at home. Then they find themselves struggling to match the pace of opposing sides," is the assessment of the shrewd Wales manager.

The final reason for Smith wanting a blitz of a scoreline from the encounter at the Racecourse is the form Malta have shown against the best in the world in their own Gzira stadium. England, West Germany and East Germany have all been forced to battle every inch of the way there to earn 1-0 victories.

After the bitter disappointment of the last World Cup, when Wales lost a qualifying place to Scotland on the basis of an Ian Evans own-goal at Hampden Park and the Joe Jordan controversy at Anfield Road, Wales are looking for spectacular entry into this European Championship.



John Holland

IT will be one of the biggest soccer shocks of all time if Wales don't beat Malta in the European Championship. Malta have only ever won twice away from home, so it shouldn't be a matter of "will Wales win?" . . . but "by how many?"

How do the Maltese feel about an almost certain defeat? We asked our correspondent on the sunny Mediterranean island, Charles Camenzuli, to speak to the Malta captain, 25-year-old John Holland, about the match.

'Our counter-attacks could surprise the Welsh'

SHOOT: Will it be easy for Wales next week?

HOLLAND: Considering our results on foreign grounds, you might say yes, it should be easy for Wales. Very easy. Yet this is our first game in the current European Championship, so things may just be a little different.

SHOOT: At home, though, Malta are never easy to beat.

HOLLAND: Opponents can be sure we shall take full advantage of this. Remember, teams such as England, Sweden, West Germany and Austria have managed only one-goal victories in Malta. Who knows?

SHOOT: What do you know about the Welsh side?

HOLLAND: Not very much. I'm aware many of the players play in the English First Division, but on the other hand we have heard of the difficulties Mr. Smith has in obtaining all his top players. This may affect the stability of the team. I'm also aware Wales came very close to qualifying for the World Cup Finals.

SHOOT: Where do you think Wales may possibly slip up?

HOLLAND: They need not only to win, but to score a few goals to boost their goal-difference. This may give us a chance to surprise them on the counter-attack, although, as usual when we are away from home, the initiative will be in the hands of the locals.

SHOOT: Can we assume Malta will play defensively, then?

HOLLAND: Not defensively as such . . . I'd say prudently, but more adventurously when on our own soil. Sorry, sand!

SHOOT: What would be a good result for Malta in Wales?

HOLLAND: Considering some of our poor away results during the last decade I could say any result would be most welcome! Welcome in the sense we hope to keep the score low, but if things happen to favour us, we may cause a surprise, as we did when we beat Tunisia 1-0 just after they'd qualified for Argentina.

SHOOT: Which Wales players do you respect most?

HOLLAND: Leighton James and Terry Yorath are the two players I fear, but every First Division player must be respected.

SHOOT: Finally, can you tell readers a little about your own recent successes?

HOLLAND: Apart from being made captain of my country, I was voted Malta's Footballer of the Year and a couple of months ago, a wonderful experience, our first baby — a son, Jonathan.

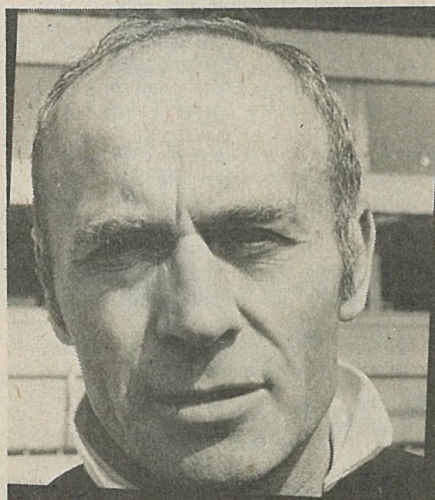
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all Shoot readers
John Holland

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Martin Peters tackles the problem of deciding who is the better goalkeeper: Ray Clemence or Peter Shilton.



"Liverpool connection" at Swansea City since John Toshack took over.

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We evaluate recent Scottish transfers to determine whether they are Hits or Misses.

The "hat-trick" Bryan Robson is aiming for with West Ham this season.

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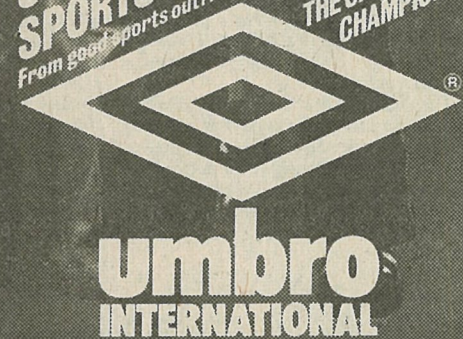
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THE arrival of Duncan McKenzie at Stamford Bridge signalled the end of Chelsea's frustratingly restrictive freeze on purse strings.

At last, after all the battles for survival, off the field, Chelsea are beginning to worry more about what they achieve on it. And this is a healthy sign. Because not too long ago people were wondering if indeed there would still be a Chelsea Football Club by 1980.

Those loyal fans, who shared every worrying report of mounting debts and stared, week after week, at the massive cantilever stand which was all too often half empty, now have a player capable of producing the type of entertainment which will fill the stand and spark the team.

McKenzie, a talented goalscoring extrovert of 27, came from Everton at a time when Chelsea's on-field form was dipping towards the worry line. He scored in his debut at Coventry but Chelsea went down 3-2. He delighted the fans on his home debut, but Manchester City spoiled the party, winning 4-1. Then he earned a valuable point with a typical goal out of nothing in the 1-1 draw at Birmingham.

It says something of the man's reputation that the knee injury which prevented him from adding his glittering skills to the night of the Cosmos 'spectacular', deprived the near 40,000 crowd of what would have been one of the best players on view. And that includes company such as Johan Cruyff and Franz Beckenbauer.

So what brought a player who many people claim should have played for England more than once to a struggling First Division club after sensing, without experiencing, major honours with Leeds United and Everton.

McKenzie says: "If I had joined Chelsea at the beginning of my career I believe I would have done considerably better in the game than I have.

"There are countless talented youngsters at Stamford Bridge. I am still surprised at the start we have made in the First Division. Because the lads who train during the week are not the same when they play for real.

"The skill is there, the experience too. But not the necessary confidence. Some clubs struggle because they do not have the talent on their staff. Others, like Chelsea, need only a couple of good results to go with the 1-0 win at Wolves earlier in the season and things will take off.

"I have played for some of the best clubs in England. I have also experienced Continental football



Duncan McKenzie on the ball during his home League debut. Alas for Chelsea they lost 4-1 to Manchester City.

'JOINING CHELSEA- the best move of my career'

says **DUNCAN McKENZIE**

with Anderlecht of Belgium. So I think it is fair to say I know a bit about what makes clubs and teams tick. And I am not the sort of bloke who would join a club who are going nowhere.

"The atmosphere here is one of positive thought and ambition. They have the stadium and the players. Now we need some success to top it all off.

"Personally I have enjoyed every minute of my game so far. Of course I will continue to take physical stick. And I am still striving for that level of consistency which comes with maturity. But here I truly feel I can add my contribution to the team effort effectively."

McKenzie, and his wife Dorothy, are currently house-hunting in London. He wants to stay with Chelsea. He has had enough wandering.

"I have been a bit of a rebel in

the playing sense because I believed I could take on the world and win. I honestly thought my idea of football as it should be played

would be acceptable at places like Leeds. But I soon found out I was wrong.

"You could say I have mellowed. I want to prove something to a number of people. Not in a bitter way. Just a straightforward example of how much I can offer when I get settled in a team.

"The Cosmos match was very good value for money. I was disappointed to miss it. But it proved football is a game of constant change. We can no longer look across the Atlantic and treat the game in the United States as something which will fade and die.

"Just as we need to come to terms with some important aspects of our own game. Are we going for sponsorship? What are we going to do about the transfer system? How do we cut the cynical, maiming tackle out of football?

"On that last point I can tell SHOOT one thing, the players do not want it, at least the vast majority of us, the fans don't want it nor do managers. So it is only a matter of time before such crippling tackles as those we have almost taken for granted are stopped.

"But right now I want to settle down with Chelsea and what, I am sure, will prove to be the most rewarding period of my career."



NOBBY



The day before France and Sweden drew 2-2 in their European Championship game, the Youth teams of the two sides met in a friendly which the French won by the remarkable score of 9-0.

For earning 4th place in the World Cup each Italian player is to receive a bonus of £25,000.

At Varnsdorf in East Germany, Czechoslovakia and the D.D.R. drew 3-3 with teams preparing for the 1980 U.E.F.A. Youth cup.

Malta, who meet Wales shortly in the European Championship, have only ever won two away matches ... 1-0 away to Libya in 1966 and 1-0 away to Tunisia in 1977.

18 CAUTIONS - BUT NOT SUSPENDED!

IN most South American countries, the number of players sent-off every week makes astonishing reading for the average European fan. The South Americans claim European football is at least as violent, but referees over there tend to be much stricter.

They also claim the South American hot temper earns a lot of cautions for protesting — much more than the "cooler-blooded" European.

Whatever the truth of the matter, I just sat and gaped at this "black list" of the players in the Chilean First Division who've received the most cautions in recent years:

| Player and Club | Red Cards | Yellow Cards |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1. Veliz (Unión Española) | 20 | 96 |
| 2. Messen (Palestino) | 18 | 56 |
| 3. Paez (Santiago Morning) | 12 | 76 |
| 4. Yavar (Cobrelao) | 12 | 71 |
| 5. Rodriguez (Colo Colo) | 12 | 64 |
| 6. Cortazar (Green Cross) | 12 | 51 |
| 7. Martinez (Everton) | 12 | 41 |
| 8. Lara (Everton) | 11 | 77 |
| 9. Henry (Coquimbo) | 11 | 53 |
| 10. Herrera (Unión Española) | 11 | 50 |

Apparently the Number Three Bad Boy Paez distinguished himself by collecting no fewer than 18 yellow cards in his last season with Colo Colo — and everyone's still trying to work out why he wasn't suspended!

THE CLOWN STILL UP TO HIS TRICKS

THE recent Beerschot v Lokeren League game in Belgium meant Polish internationals Jan Tomaszewski (far right), and Wlodek Lubanski would be facing each other. It turned out to be a victory for Tomaszewski's Beerschot.

They were leading 3-0 when Lokeren were awarded a penalty. Lubanski didn't want to take it ("You never know with Tomek in goal ..."), so Lokeren captain Rene Verheyen took it, only to see his effort saved. This was Tomaszewski's second penalty save in four League games! Tomaszewski has quickly become one of the most popular players in Belgium, with his skill and sense of humour.

Incidentally, it was revealed why the Poland 'keeper was dropped for the Second Round of the World Cup. Tomaszewski had a row with manager Gmoch about Lubanski — the Polish 'keeper wanted the striker to play, Gmoch disagreed. Gmoch didn't like his goalkeeper telling him how to pick his side so Tomaszewski was dropped "because he's injured".



RAIMUNDO SAPORTA has taken over as President of Spain's 1982 World Cup Organising Committee. The 51-year-old Saporta is arguably the most respected man on the Spanish soccer scene, having been the late Santiago Bernabeu's right-hand man at Real Madrid since 1952. Oddly, his favourite sport is basketball.

ARGENTINA'S World Cup centre-forward Leopoldo Luque was sent-off in the 13th minute of River Plate's game against Banfield after insulting a linesman. For this, he was suspended for six matches.

WARNING FOR SCOTLAND

ON the face of it, Scotland should have few problems beating Norway at Hampden in the European Championship on October 25th. But the Norwegians sprang a soccer shock by holding Belgium to a 1-1 draw in Lokeren. I asked our correspondent in Belgium, Danny Geerts, what he thought of Scotland's next opponents.

He told me: "Belgium were lucky to draw — the result was no fluke. Norway's style is quite simple: they play 4-4-2 and are very dangerous on the counter-attack.

WORLD WIDE

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TAX-MAN CHASES CRUYFF

THE Spanish tax-man is still on the trail of Johan Cruyff, claiming the ex-Barcelona star owes £700,000 in back taxes. Cruyff points out the club undertook to pay all his taxes, but the new board of directors at Barcelona are insisting they'll only pay part of the cash.

"Cruyff was fined a total of £210,000 in 1976," they claim, "for making an incorrect declaration, and the club certainly isn't going to pay that."

The fact Cruyff's tax bill is £700,000 gives you some idea of the cash he was earning at Barcelona, doesn't it?

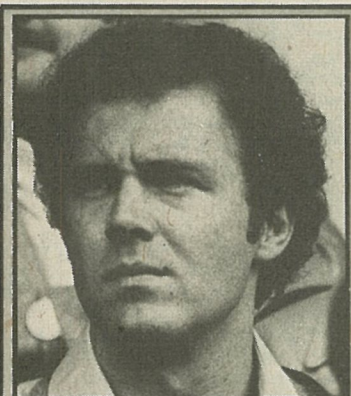
UNHAPPY GUY

BELGIAN international boss Guy Thuis is lamenting the fact so many foreign forwards are playing in Belgium now as it limits his choice for the national team.

With the old war horse Raoul Lambert now over the hill, the problems of Thuis are underlined by the calling up of 18-year-old centre-forward Eddy Vooreckers who plays for Second Division FC Diele.

THE rivalry between Zagalo and Coutinho, ex-coaches of the Brazilian team, exploded in the open last month when Zagalo accused Coutinho of having written the "Glasgow Manifesto", a document in which several accusations were made by the Brazilian players against the Brazilian Press, in a tour to Europe in 1973. Though signed by the players, the document was obviously inspired and written by an official, whose identity so far has never been established.

At the time, Zagalo was the coach and Coutinho the supervisor. Now, after losing his place as coach to Coutinho, Zagalo accuses him of having written the manifesto. Coutinho so far hasn't replied.



Beckenbauer's Costly Mistake

FRANZ Beckenbauer, who rarely makes a mistake on the field, obviously isn't always as careful when driving. Der Kaiser was fined £13,000 by a judge in Karlsruhe following an accident in West Germany last Christmas.

Beckenbauer was driving along an autobahn near Stuttgart and missed the turn-off road. In order to correct his mistake, he crossed the double-lines causing the driver behind to brake furiously ... and start a four-car pile-up.

Franz saw what had happened and hoped his insurance would foot the bill, but they won't. For his sins, he was fined £13,000 and has to pay around £4,000 for the repairs of the other cars.

Picture shows Franz back in Munich at the 1960 Munich v. FSV Frankfurt game. When the Cosmos tour of Europe is over, Franz may play for his former club, Bayern, if Cosmos give their go-ahead for the loan.

THEN THERE WERE THREE

DR. JOZEF VENGLOS has taken over Czechoslovakia's national team and lost his first game, 2-1 away to East Germany in Leipzig. So much has changed in the Czech game since they won the European Championship two years ago only three players from the successful 1976 team retain their places: Anton Ondrus, Koloman Gogh and Marian Masny. The Czechs play England at Wembley next month.

SLAVKO LUXTICA, the recently-appointed manager of Yugoslavia has fallen ill and expected to be inactive for about three months. Partizan manager Ante Mladinic has been called up to take over temporarily.

NEWS FLASHES

Helmut Senekowitch, manager of Austria, who did surprisingly well in the World Cup, has signed a two-year contract with Universidad de Guadalajara in Mexico.

Rosario Central of Argentina are in double trouble. Not only are they 11th in the League, but last month defender Vallejos swallowed his false teeth during a training session and almost choked. An emergency operation was necessary and Rosario will be without him for quite a while.

The Cosmos are changing their image next season... they are changing their colours from white with green trimmings to navy blue, yellow and white. Top fashion designer Ralph Lauren has designed the new strip, which will be unveiled at the club's first home game next March.

Julian Cools, midfielder of FC Bruges and captain of Belgium, was sent-off for the first time in his career against RWD Molenbeek — for dissent.

I hear Argentina are planning a European tour next year and wanted to play West Germany. But the Germans' new manager Jupp Derwall turned down the chance, because "my new team wouldn't be ready for such a match."

Dutch soccer is in a bad way. In 1970/71 the average attendance was just over 16,000; last season it was 12,000 and so far this term it's been only 10,000.

Shakter Donetz defender Gorbunov had to spend two days in hospital after the Russian side's Cup-Winners' Cup match in Barcelona. He was "mugged" while taking a late-night walk in the city.

Austrian goalkeeper Friedl Koncilia missed the European Championship ties v. Norway and Scotland after playing 33 consecutive games. He injured a wrist and fingers in a League game, saving a shot from 20 yards by Hans Pirkner.

Iran are still trying to improve their game after reaching the World Cup Finals. Staging a tournament for players under 19, their Tehran XI reached the Final, only to be beaten 1-0 by a Russian Under-19 team.

Exasperated by their flop in the World Cup, the Mexican F.A. have set out to produce a new young team and to this end have issued a new ruling that every First Division team must field at least five players under 20 years.



Eusebio's 1,000th

A moment of soccer history... Eusebio, the former Portugal star, scores his 1,000th goal in official games. He hits the deck as his shot in the 17th minute of the New Jersey Americans versus the Indianapolis Daredevils goes in the net.

Eusebio, now 36, plays for the New Jersey side in the American Soccer League. They won this game 3-2, but Eusebio had to limp off in the second-half with a leg injury.

PLAYERS FINED

"PRINCIPLES are principles," said Rik Coppens, manager of Belgian side Beerschot. He fined two of his defenders for booting the ball out of their own penalty-area when in fact (he thought) they had time to play the ball out of defence, building up slowly.

The players accepted the decision, admitting the manager was correct.

IT HAD TO HAPPEN!

from the historic Republic of Ireland versus Nort(h)ern Ireland international programme...

NORTERN IRELAND

- [] PAT JENNINGS (Arsenal)
- [] PAT RICE (Arsenal)
- [] ALLAN HUNTER (Ipswich)

IVAN Golac hasn't had the same publicity as Tottenham's Argentinian signings Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa but he has settled into English football better than either of them. And whereas Ardiles and Villa cost £750,000, Golac hasn't cost Southampton a penny so far.

To get round the Government's temporary ban on foreign players, Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy registered Golac as a non-contract player which means he is paid no wages. Golac, a 28-year-old son of a retired Yugoslav Army colonel, doesn't need a work permit because he is here on a six-month visa as an agricultural student, which was his occupation in Yugoslavia before he became a professional footballer with Partizan Belgrade.

"I love your farms," he said. "Eventually I would like to buy one myself but at home all the farms are owned by the State. We have a different system."

Golac, who lives in a house in Chandlers Ford, is enraptured with England and English football.

"It is such a beautiful country and the people are so friendly," he said. "The weather is nice. Every day my wife Bratislava and my two young children, Andrijana, who is 28 months, and Ivana, who is eight months, go for long walks."

Yugoslav football is renowned as being as tough as any in the world which is why Golac finds English football so appealing. "It is a game for men," he said. "I never mind anyone tackling me hard as long as it is correct. They tackle



THE "SAINT" FROM YUGOSLAVIA

you hard and you tackle them hard back. It is the game. You are friends afterwards.

"Everywhere, the players in the opposing team come up to me and are friendly, shaking my hand and wishing me good luck. I wish them well, too."

Golac's knowledge of English football is impressive. He knows all our best players and leading teams from watching football on television in Yugoslavia. "I have seen all your Cup Finals and big games," he said. "My favourite team is Manchester United. I always supported them since a boy."

Golac believes Tottenham, Shef-

field United and other clubs who are looking to South America for players may be making a costly mistake. "South American players find it difficult to acclimatise here because conditions are so different. Your clubs are paying out so much money but there are risks about these players. They may not last out their contracts. Jairzinho and Paulo Cesar went to Olympique Marseille and didn't stay more than a few months.

"Your clubs would be better buying European players who are more suited to your style. They are much cheaper and I know many who would come here because they admire your football."

Golac played four times for Yugoslavia during his ten years as a Partizan player. McMenemy says he is a class defender and is very satisfied with his performances. "He's a good lad," said McMenemy. "He's made the effort to settle in quickly and the players have taken to him."

Golac already spoke reasonable English before he came but Southampton have hired a teacher for private lessons for him and his wife. His wife was a law student at home and doesn't speak English.

Golac wants to remain in England for six years. "I think I can continue until I am 34," he said. "I do not drink and I do not smoke and I go to bed early!"

He has only one mild complaint about life in England: he says our food lacks spice which is why he covers his plate with tomato sauce, French and English mustard and any other additive he can find!

RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

SECOND DIVISION

CHARLTON (1) 1 (Tydeman)
NOTTS CO (1) 1 (Vinter) 8,643
 Charlton: Wood; Madden, Campbell, Tydeman, Shipperley, Berry (Powell), Robinson, Hales, Flanagan, Peacock, Gritt.
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Benjamin, Blockley, Stubbs, McCulloch, Masson, Green, Hunt, Vinter.

THIRD DIVISION

TRANMERE 0
BURY 0 2,458
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Bramhall, Palios, Peplow, O'Neil, Moore, Evans, McAuley.
 Bury: Forrest; Lugg, Kennedy, Hatton (Hilton), Tucker, Hamstead, Stanton, Wilson, Beamish, Gregory, Taylor.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

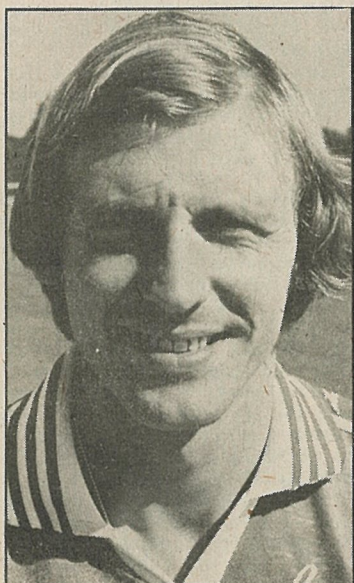
FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (1) 1 (Price)
MAN. UTD (1) 1 (Coppell) 45,393
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Walford (Heeley), Rix.
 Man. U: Roche; Albiston, Houston, Greenhoff (B), McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Jordan, Macari, McLroy.

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Givens)
CHELSEA (0) 1 (McKenzie) 18,458
 Birmingham: Montgomery; Broadhurst, Pendrey, Dillon, Gallagher, Towers, Ainscow, Fox, Givens, Emmanuel, Barrowclough.
 Chelsea: Bonetti; Locke, Stride, Stanley, Wicks, Harris, Swain, Wilkins, Langley, Lewington, McKenzie.

BOLTON (1) 3 (Worthington 2, Whatmore)
NORWICH (2) 2 (Robson, Reeves) 19,901
 Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Burke, Greaves, Walsh (Allardyce), Jones (P), Morgan, Whatmore, Gowing, Worthington, Smith.
 Norwich: Baker; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Hooley, Powell (Paddon), Neighbour, Reeves, Chivers, Robson, Peters.

COVENTRY 0
LEEDS 0 27,365
 Coventry: Sealey; Coop, McDonald, Yorath, Holton, Gillespie, Hutchison, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hunt.
 Leeds: Harvey; Stevenson, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Madeley, Harris, Hankin, Lorimer, Cherry, Graham.



Dick Tydeman was on target for Charlton in their 1-1 home draw against Notts County.

DERBY (0) 2 (George, Nicholl o.g.)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Peach pen.) 21,623
 Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Daly, McCaffery, Powell, Carter, Rioch, Duncan (Moreland), George, Caskie.
 Southampton: Gennoe; Golac, Peach, Pickering, Nicholl, Waldron, Ball, Williams, Boyer, Holmes, Curran.

EVERTON (2) 2 (Latchford, King pen.)
WOLVES (0) 0 30,895
 Everton: Wood; Todd, Pejic, Lyons, Wright, Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, Walsh, Thomas.
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, Hazell, McAlle, Patching, Carr, Clarke (Eves), Bell, Daley.

IPSWICH (0) 0
BRISTOL C (0) 1 (Ritchie pen.) 20,168
 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Talbot, Osman, Beattie, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Whymark (Brazil), Woods.
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Gillies, Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Mann, Mabbutt.

MAN. CITY (0) 2 (Owen, Futchler R.)
TOTTENHAM (0) 0 43,471
 Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Viljoen, Watson, Futchler (P), Channon, Owen, Futchler (R), Hartford, Power.
 Tottenham: Daines; McAllister, Gorman, Holmes, Lacey, Perryman (Armstrong), Villa, Ardiles, Lee, Pratt, Taylor.

NOTTM FOREST (2) 2 (Birtles, O'Neill)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 2 (Mills, Armstrong) 26,287
 Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett (O'Hare), McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.
 Middlesbrough: Stewart; Craggs, Johnson, Mahoney, Boam, Ramage, Mills, McAndrew (Hodgson), Ashcroft, Cummins, Armstrong.

Q.P.R. (0) 1 (Harkouk)
ASTON VILLA (0) 0 16,410
 Q.P.R.: Parkes; Shanks, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Cunningham, Eastoe, Harkouk, Busby, Bowles, McGee.
 Villa: Rimmer; Evans (D), Gregory, Evans (A), McNaught, Mortimer, Craig, Little, Deehan (Phillips), Cowans, Shelton.

W.B.A. (0) 1 (Cunningham)
LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Dalglish) 38,000
 W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Statham, Cunningham, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Cantello, Treweek.
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hughes, Dalglish, Case, Heighway (Johnson), McDermott, Souness.

SECOND DIVISION

BRISTOL R (1) 2 (Randall, Williams)
WREXHAM (1) 1 (McNeil) 7,619
 Bristol R: Thomas; Puls, Bater, Day, Taylor, Prince, Dennehy, Williams, Randall, Staniforth, Lythgoe.
 Wrexham: Davies; Hill, Whittle, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Lyons (Cegielski), Cartwright.

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Morley)
SUNDERLAND (0) 2 (Rowell 2, 1 pen.) 12,964
 Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Ingham, Noble, Thompson, Rodaway, Morley, Hall, Smith, Kindon, James.
 Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Docherty, Coady, Elliott, Chisholm, Brown (Greenwood), Entwistle, Rostron, Rowell.

CARDIFF (1) 2 (Stevens, Bishop)
BLACKBURN (0) 0 6,248
 Cardiff: Healey; Dwyer, Pethard, Campbell, Pontin, Larmour, Grapes, Lewis, Stevens, Bishop, Buchanan (Attley).
 Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Waddington, Radford, Garner, Taylor (Aston).

C. PALACE (0) 1 (Swindlehurst)
OLDHAM (0) 0 18,318
 Palace: Burrridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Chatterton, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Murphy, Swindlehurst, Elwiss, Hilaire.
 Oldham: McDonnell; Wood, Blair, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Halom, Taylor, Young, Chapman (Gardner), Heaton.

FULHAM (0) 1 (Greenaway)
MILLWALL (0) 0 8,941

Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Lock, Money, Gale, Bullivant, Davies, Guthrie, Margerrison, Evanson (Greenaway).
 Millwall: Cuff; Donaldson, Tagg, Mehmet (Gale), Kitchener, Hazell, Hamilton (B), Seaman, Mitchell, Walker, Cross.

LEICESTER (2) 4 (Christie, Hughes 2, 1 pen., Weller)
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Williams) 14,307
 Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, May, Sims, Kelly (Walsh), Weller, Kember, Christie, Duffy, Hughes.
 Brighton: Steele; Tiler, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Townner, Ward, Maybank, Clark (Sayer), O'Sullivan.

LUTON (1) 1 (Stein)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Biley pen.) 10,801
 Luton: Aleksic; Jones, Aizlewood, Hill, Turner, Price, Donaghy (Fuccillo), West, Stein, Hatton, Moss.
 Cambridge: Webster; Howard, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Leach, Cozens (Watson), Spriggs, Buckley, Finney, Biley.

NEWCASTLE 0
ORIENT 0 26,356
 Newcastle: Hardwick; Kelly, Brownlie, Cassidy, Nattrass, Blackley (Mitchell), Suggett, McGhee, Withe, Hibbitt, Connolly.
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Gray, Went, Chiedoie, Banjo, Mayo, Kitchen, Godfrey.

PRESTON (0) 0
STOKE (1) 1 (Kendall) 14,057
 Preston: Tunks; McMahon (Cochrane), Wilson, Doyle, Baxter, Burns, Potts, Haslegrave, Coleman, Smith, Bruce.
 Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Doyle, Dodd, Irvine, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Conroy (Busby).

WEST HAM (0) 2 (Robson 2 pens)
SHEFF. UTD (0) 0 24,361
 West Ham: Ferguson; Lampard (Pike), Brush, Holland, Taylor, Bonds, Curbishley, Devonshire, Jennings, Brooking, Robson.
 Sheff. U: Conroy; Cutbush, Calvert, Kenworthy, Matthews, Keeley, Guy (Anderson), Speight, Franks, Sabella, Hamson.

THIRD DIVISION

BRENTFORD (0) 0
GILLINGHAM (0) 2 (Price, Hughes) 6,970
 Brentford: Porter; Fraser, Tucker, Shrubbs, Kruse, Salman, Carlton (Walker), Graham (J), Rolph, McCulloch, Phillips.
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Sharpe, Armstrong, Weatherley, White, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hughes, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

CARLISLE 0
SOUTHEND 0 5,263
 Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, MacDonald, Tait, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Kemp, Lumby, Hamilton.
 Southend: Cawston; Stead, Yates, Laverick, Cusack, Hadley, Pountney, Fell, Parker, Dudley, Morris.

CHESTER (1) 2 (Mellor, Edwards)
SWANSEA (0) 0 8,583
 Chester: Lloyd; Nickeas, Raynor, Storton, Jeffries, Oakes, Delgado, Livermore, Edwards, Mellor, Walker.
 Swansea: Crudgington; Evans, Bartley, Smith, Stevenson, Charles, Callaghan, James (R), Curtis (Marustik), Waddle, Boersma.

CHESTERFIELD (1) 3 (Kowalski 2, Salmons)
PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Butlin) 3,824
 Chesterfield: Letheran; Flavell, Proppett, Tartt, Cottam, Hunter, Burton, Fern, Walker, Kowalski, Salmons.
 Peterborough: Waugh; Carmichael, Styles, Doyle, Green, Ross, Robertson, McEwan, Butlin, Anderson (Quow), Robson.

EXETER (3) 3 (Kellow, Delve, Bowker)
HULL (1) 1 (Edwards) 3,733
 Exeter: O'Keefe; Templeman, Hore, Randell, Giles, Roberts, Delve, Kellow, Bowker, Holman, Hatch.
 Hull: Wealands; Nisbet, DeVries, Horswill, Croft, Haigh, Hood, Lord, Edwards, Bannister, Farley.

ROTHERHAM (0) 2 (Finney, Dawson)
MANSFIELD (0) 0 5,350
 Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Gwyther, Green, Vaughan (Wynn), Finney, Phillips, Dawson, Crawford, Smith.



Steve Kember was in superb form in midfield during Leicester City's 4-1 victory v. Brighton.

Mansfield: Arnold; Curtis, Foster (B), Goodwin, Saxby, McClelland, Bird, Moss, Syrett, Martin, Allen (Coffey).

SHEFFIELD WED (1) 2 (Wylde, Nimmo)
PLYMOUTH (0) 3 (Binney 3) 12,088
 Sheff. Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Rushbury, Smith, Mullen, Wylde, Porterfield, Tynan (Nimmo), Johnson, Hornsby.
 Plymouth: Hodge; Bason, Rogers, Taylor (Uzzell), Foster, Clarke, Megson, Fear, Binney, Perrin, Johnson.

SHREWSBURY (1) 2 (Turner, Atkins pen)
LINCOLN (0) 0 2,902
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Hayes, Lindsay, Tong, Atkins, Biggins, Maguire.
 Lincoln: Grotier; Guest, Leigh, Hughes, Wigington, Cooper, Hobson (Smith), McCalliog, Sunley, Fleming, Cockerill.

SWINDON (0) 0
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Chandler) 6,807
 Swindon: Ogden; McLaughlin, Ford, McHale, Aizlewood, Stroud, Miller, Carter, Rowland, Bates, Williams.
 Blackpool: Hesford; Gardner, Pashley, Thompson, Suddaby, McEwan, Chandler, Sermani, Spence (Hockaday), Davidson, Wagstaffe.

WALSALL (2) 2 (Buckley, King)
COLCHESTER (0) 2 (Gough, Foley) 4,052
 Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Caswell, Harrison, Serella, King, Birch, McDonough, Austin, Buckley, Kelly.
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Packer, Sharkey, Wignall, Downman, Foley, Gough, Dyer, Rowles, Allinson.

WATFORD (2) 4 (Jenkins 4)
OXFORD (1) 2 (McGrogan, Bodel) 12,949
 Watford: Rankin; Stirk, Harrison, Booth, Bolton, Garner, Pollard, Blissett, Jenkins, Joslyn (Ellis), Downes.
 Oxford: Burton; Doyle, Fogg, Briggs, Bodel, Jeffrey, McGrogan, Taylor, Foley, Seacole, Duncan.

FOURTH DIVISION

ALDERSHOT (0) 0
PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 (Hemmerman, Lathan) 8,967
 Aldershot: Johnson; Edwards, Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Hooper, Brodie, Needham (Tomlin), Dungworth, McGregor.
 Portsmouth: Mellor; Ellis Viney, Denyer, Foster, Piper, Hemmerman, Lathan, Davey, Barnard (Garwood), Pullar.

BRADFORD C (1) 1 (Cooke)
NEWPORT (2) 3 (Sinclair, Lowndes 2) 4,470
 Bradford C: Smith; Reaney, Wood, Bates, Baines, Middleton, Johnson, Dolan (Szabo), Cooke, McNiven, Martinez.
 Newport: Plumley; Walden, Byrne (Clark), Thompson, Oakes, Davies, Woods, Lowndes, Goddard, Sinclair, Bailey.

CREWE (0) 0
GRIMSBY (2) 3 (Moore, Liddell 2) 2,000
 Crewe: Rafferty; Hughes (Nelson), Roberts, Bevan, Bowles, Rimmer, Davies, Wilshaw, Coyne, Purdie, Robertson.
 Grimsby: Batch; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Crombie, Ford, Liddell, Drinkell, Partridge, Brolly.

DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Seal)
TORQUAY (1) 2 (Coffill, Murphy) 1,613
 Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Cochrane, Hague, Craig, Stone, Maitland, Probert, Ferguson, Seal, Wann.
 Torquay: Turner; Twitichin, Darke, Davies, Green (Cooper), Dunne, Raper, Wilson, Coffill, Lawrence, Murphy.

DONCASTER (2) 2 (French, Habbin)
BARNLEY (1) 2 (Miller, Riley) 9,380
 Doncaster: Peacock; Reed, Robinson, Lally, Bradley, Taylor, Habbin, Lewis, Owen, French (Bentley), Laidlaw.
 Barnsley: Springett; Collins, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Little, Clarke, Riley, Peachey, Millar.

HARTLEPOOL (0) 3 (Houchen, Newton pen., Goldthorpe)
HALIFAX (0) 1 (Lawson) 3,947
 Hartlepool: Platt; Smith (G), Gorry, Hogan, Brooks, Ayre, Linacre, Lawrence, Newton, Houchen (Crumplin), Goldthorpe.
 Halifax: Leonard; Bradley, Loska, Firth, Trainer, Dunleavy, Carroll, Johnson, Bullock, Lawson, Bell.

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Holmes)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 3,320
 Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Gartland, Holmes, Hanvey, Topping, Gray, Hart, Campbell, Cowling, Bielby.
 Northampton: Poole; Geidmintis, Walker (Mead), Woollett, Robertson, Bryant, Farrington, Williams, Reilly, Froggatt, Christie.

PORT VALE (1) 1 (Griffiths pen.)
BOURNEMOUTH (2) 2 (Massey, Butler M.) 3,140
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Keenan, Griffiths, Bloor (Ridley), Sproson, Hawkins, Stenson, Bromage, Wright, Todd, Chamberlain.
 Bournemouth: Allen; Cunningham, Miller, Impey, Brown (R), Barton, Lennard, Showers, Butler (M), Massey, Brown (K).

ROCHDALE (0) 0
HEREFORD (2) 2 (Gould, Emery pen.) 1,068
 Rochdale: Shyne; Hallows, O'Loughlin, Hart, Scott, Scaife, Mullington, Esser, Hilditch (Ashworth), Hoy, Owen.
 Hereford: Hughes; Price, Burrows, Marshall, Layton, Emery, Stephens, Holmes (K), Spiring, Jones, Gould.

SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Wigg)
STOCKPORT (0) 0 2,691
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; O'Donnell, Peacock, Oates, Deere, Czuczman, Grimes, Gibson (Pilling), Wigg, Kilmore, Kavanagh.
 Stockport: Rogan; Thorpe, Rutter, Summerbee (Park), Edwards, Thompson, Prudham, Armstrong, Bradd, Loadwick, Lee.

WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Cork)
READING (0) 0 5,001
 Wimbledon: Goddard; Bryant, Eames, Galliers, Galvin, Donaldson, Leslie, Denny, Knowles, Cork, Summerill.
 Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Hetzke, Kearns, Sanchez, Lewis.

YORK (0) 0
WIGAN (0) 1 (Gore) 3,307
 York: Neenan; Scott (Walsh), Kay, Collier, Faulkner, Clements, Young, Randall, Loggie, Staniforth.
 Wigan: Brown; Smart, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward, Davids, Corrigan, Wright, Moore, Brownbill, Purdie.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

HIBS (2) 2 (Rae, McLeod pen.)
ABERDEEN (1) 1 (Jarvie) 11,000
 Hibs: McDonald; Duncan, Smith, Rae, Fleming, McNamara (Stewart), Temperley, McLeod, Hutchingson (O'Brien), Callachan, Higgins.
 Aberdeen: Leighton; Kennedy, McLelland, McMaster, McLeish, Miller, Sullivan (Rougvie), Archibald, Harper, Jarvie, Scanlon (Davidson).

MORTON (1) 2 (Ritchie, Scott)
RANGERS (0) 2 (Parlane, Smith) 18,000
 Morton: Connaghan; Hayes, Holmes, McLaren, Orr, Rooney, Russell (McNeil), Miller, Thomson, Scott, Ritchie.
 Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Forsyth (A), Forsyth (T), Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Parlane, Johnstone, Smith.

MOTHERWELL (0) 0
HEARTS (0) 1 (Robertson) 5,219

MOTHERWELL: Latchford; Shanks, Wark, McLaren (Boyd), McVie, Stevens, Clinging, Pettigrew, Larnach, Capaldi (Lindsay), Fraser.
HEARTS: Dunlop, Kidd, Fraser, Jeffries, Liddell, Carney, Robertson, Bannan, Gibson, Busby (McNicoll), McQuade.

PARTICK (2) 2 (Melrose, Somner pen.)
CELTIC (1) 3 (Aitken, Lynch pen., McDonald) 21,000
 Partick: Rough; McKinnon, Whittaker, Campbell, Marr, Gibson, Houston, Park, Somner, Melrose, Love (O'Hara).
 Celtic: Latchford; Filippi, Lynch, Aitken, McDonald, Edvaldsson, Provan, Conn, McAdam, Burns, McCluskey (Conroy).

ST. MIRREN (1) 1 (Bone)
DUNDEE UTD (2) 3 (Dodds, Narey, Kirkwood) 8,000
 St. Mirren: Thompson; Beckett, Monro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Sharp (Richardson), Stark, Bone, Abercrombie, McGarvey.
 Dundee U.: McAlpine; Stewart, Kopel, Robinson, Hegarty, Narey, Smith, Addison, Payne, Kirkwood, Dodds.

MONDAY SEPT. 25

THIRD DIVISION

BRENTFORD (2) 2 (Graham J., Eames)
LINCOLN (1) 1 (Cockerill) 6,110
 Brentford: Porter; Salman, Tucker, Shrubbs, Kruse, Fraser, Walker, Graham (J) (Graham W), Eames, McCulloch, Phillips.
 Lincoln: Grotier; Guest, Leigh, McCalliog, Wigginton, Cooper, Ward, Sunley, Cockerill, Fleming, Harding.

CARLISLE (0) 2 (McCartney pen., Kemp)
SWANSEA (0) 0 8,489
 Carlisle: Swinburne; Hoolickin, McCartney, MacDonald, Tait, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Kemp, Lumby, Hamilton.
 Swansea: Crudgington; Evans, Bartley, Morris, Stevenson, Charles, Boersma, Moore, Marustik, Waddle, Callaghan.

TRANMERE (0) 2 (Evans, Moore)
PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Johnson) 1,907
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias (Postlethwaite), Flood, Parry, Bramhall, Palios, Craven, O'Neil, Moore, Evans, McAuley.
 Plymouth: Hodge; Bason, Rogers, Taylor, Foster, Clarke, Megson, Fear, Binney, Perrin, Johnson.

FOURTH DIVISION

HARTLEPOOL 0
NEWPORT 0 5,491
 Hartlepool: Platt; Smith, Gorry, Hogan, Brooks, Ayre, Linacre, Goldthorpe, Newton, Houchen (Crumplin), Lawrence.
 Newport: Plumley; Walden, Byrne, Thompson, Oakes, Davies, Lowndes, Woods, Goddard, Sinclair, Bailey.

ROCHDALE 0
WIMBLEDON 0
 Rochdale: Shyne; Hallows, O'Loughlin, Hart, Scott, Scaife, Owen, Hoy, Ashworth, Esser, Mullington.
 Wimbledon: Goddard, Bryant, Eames, Galliers, Galvin, Donaldson, Leslie, Denny, Knowles, Cork, Summerill.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26

U.E.F.A. CUP (First Round first-leg)

EVERTON (2) 5 (King, Latchford, Walsh, Ross, Dobson)
FINN HARPS (0) 0 21,611
 Everton: Wood; Darracott, Pejic, Lyons (Higgins), Wright, Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, Walsh, Thomas (Robinson).
 Finn Harps: Harper (Mahon); McDowell, Hutton, O'Doherty (T), Sheridan, McGuinness (P), Logan, Healy (F), McGuinness (T), Ferry, Minnock.

THIRD DIVISION

BLACKPOOL (1) 2 (Wagstaffe, Davidson)
GILLINGHAM (0) 0 5,772
 Blackpool: Hesford; Gardner, Pashley, Thompson, Suddaby, McEwan, Chandler, Ronson, Spence, Davidson, Wagstaffe (Hockaday).
 Gillingham: Hillyard, Sharpe, Armstrong, Weatherley, White (Walker), Crabbe, Nichol, Hughes, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

ROTHERHAM (0) 2 (Gwyther, Crawford)
WATFORD (1) 1 (Blissett) 6,442

ROTHERHAM: McAlister; Pugh, Breckin, Finney, Green, Forrest, Dawson, Phillips, Gwyther (Winn), Crawford, Smith.
WATFORD: Rankin; Stirk, Harrison, Booth, Ellis, Garner, Pollard (Downes), Blissett, Jenkins, Joslyn, Bolton.

SHEFF. WED. 0
BURY 0 9,000
 Sheff. W: Bolder; Blackhall, Grant, Rushbury, Dowd, Mullen, Wyde, Porterfield, Tynan (Nimmo), Johnson, Hornsby.
 Bury: Forrest; Ritson, Kennedy, Lugg, Tucker, Hamstead, Stanton, Wilson, Beamish, Gregory, Taylor.

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Maguire)
HULL (0) 0 3,777
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Larkin, Turner, Griffin, Hayes, Tong, Atkins, Chapman, Biggins, Maguire.
 Hull: Wealands; Nisbet, DeVries, Croft, Horswill, Haig, Warboys, Lord, Edwards, Bannister, Galvin.

WALSALL (2) 4 (McDonough 2, Austin 2)
PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Robertson pen.) 4,835
 Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Caswell, Harrison, Serella, King, Birch, Waddington, Austin, Buckley, McDonough.
 Peterborough: Waugh; Carmichael, Styles, Doyle, Green, Ross, Robertson, McEwan, Butlin, Anderson, Robson.

FOURTH DIVISION

DARLINGTON 0
BARNLEY 0 3,475
 Darlington: Burleigh; Stone, Cochrane, Hague, Nattress, Probert, Maitland, Lyons, Seal, Paterson, Wann.
 Barnsley: Springett; Collins, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Little, Clarke, Riley, Millar, Peachey.

DONCASTER (0) 1 (Taylor)
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Butler M.) 2,441
 Doncaster: Peacock; Reed, Robinson, Lally, Bradley, Taylor, Habbin, Lewis, Owen, Gilligan, Laidlaw.
 Bournemouth: Allen; Cunningham, Miller, Impey, Brown (R), Barton, Borthwick, Showers (Johnson), Butler (M), Massey, Brown (K).

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 2 (Brolly o.g., Campbell)
GRIMSBY (0) 0 4,238
 Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Gartland, Holmes (Robins), Hanvey, Topping, Gray, Hart, Campbell, Cowling, Bielby.
 Grimsby: Batch; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Crombie, Ford, Liddell, Drinkell, Partridge, Brolly.



Martin Dobson scored for Everton v. Finn Harps in their 5-0 U.E.F.A. Cup win.

PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Davey)
WIGAN (0) 0 13,902
 Portsmouth: Mellor; Ellis, Viney, Denyer, Foster, Piper, Hemmerman (Garwood), Lathan, Davey, Barnard, Pullar.
 Wigan: Brown, Smart, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward, Davids, Corrigan, Wright, Moore (Wiel), Brownhill, Purdie.

PORT VALE (2) 2 (Chamberlain 2)
NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Farrington, Froggatt) 3,245
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Keenan, Bentley, Ridley, Sproson, Hawkins, Sutcliffe, Bromage, Wright, Todd, Chamberlain.
 Northampton: Poole; Geidmintis, Mead, Woollett, Robertson, Bryant, Farrington, Williams, Reilly, Froggatt, Christie.

SCUNTHORPE (1) 2 (Kilmore 2)
ALDRERSHOT (0) 0 2,566
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; O'Donnell, Peacock, Oates, Deere, Czuczman, Grimes, Kilmore, Wigg, Kavanagh, Pilling.
 Aldershot: Johnson; Edwards, Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Longhorn (Crosby), Brodie, Shanahan, Dungworth, Tomlin.

YORK (0) 1 (Randall)
HEREFORD (0) 0 2,358
 York: Neenan; Kay, Walsh, Collier, Faulkner, Clements, Young, Randall, Loggie, McDonald, Staniforth.
 Hereford: Hughes; Price, Burrows, Marshall, Layton, Emery, Stephens, Holmes, Jones, Gould, Spiring.

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP

(Quarter-Finals second-leg)

OLDHAM (3) 4 (Valentine, Taylor, Young, Hayes o.g.)
MORTON (0) 0 4,415
 Oldham: McDonnell, Wood, Blair, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Valentine, Taylor, Young, Chapman, Halom.
 Morton: Connaghan, Hayes, Holmes, McLaren, Orr, Rooney, Russell, Miller, Thomson, Scott, Richie.

ST. MIRREN (1) 2 (Abercrombie, Hyslop)
BRISTOL C. (1) 2 (Mann, Garland) 10,000
 St. Mirren: Thomson; Beckett, Munro, Fitzpatrick, Dunlop, Copland, Hyslop, Stark, Bone, Abercrombie, McGarvey.
 Bristol C.: Shaw; Sweeney, Gillies, Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton (Bain), Garland, Ritchie, Mabbutt, Mann.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27

EUROPEAN CUP (First Round, second-leg)

LILLESTROM (1) 1 (Lonstad)
LINFIELD (0) 0 5,600
 Lillestrom: Amundsen; Hammer, Birkelund, Berg, Gronlund, Hansen (Dokken), Lonstad, Hansen (V), Lund, Tomteberget.
 Linfield: Barclay, Fraser, Garrett, Kirk, Rafferty, Dornan, Nixon, Jameson, Martin, Hewitt (Dunlop), Murray.

LIVERPOOL 0
NOTT M FOREST 0 51,679
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hughes, Dalglish, Case (Fairclough), Heighway, McDermott (Johnson), Souness.
 Nottm. F.: Shilton; Anderson, Clark, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, Gemmill, Bowyer, Birtles, Woodcock, Robertson.

RANGERS (1) 2 (MacDonald, Smith)
JUVENTUS (0) 0 44,000
 Rangers: McCloy; Jardine, Forsyth (A), Forsyth (T), Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Parlane, Johnstone, Smith.
 Juventus: Zoff; Cuccureddu, Cabrini, Furino (Benetti), Morini, Scirea, Causio, Tardelli (Fanna), Virdis, Gentile, Bettega.

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SCOTLAND'S 'firing squad' should be too hot for NORWAY

JOCK STEIN will be having a close look at Scotland's stars of tomorrow when the Under-21's go into action against their Norwegian counterparts at Easter Road on Tuesday (Oct. 24).

This will be the youngsters' second game in two months and Stein will have few problems if they play as well as they did in their previous match against the United States at Pittodrie.

The Scots won 3-1 on a sunny Sunday afternoon and the feature of their performance was some ferocious shooting... something they have obviously picked up from the World Cup in Argentina.

Scotland hammered in shots from all angles against the States, but some unorthodox and brilliant saves from Dave Bric kept their score down.

Murdo McLeod, the talented Dumbarton babe currently attracting a lot of attention from English sides, notably Aston Villa, scored the goal of the game with a volley from 18 yards which simply raged high into the net leaving Bric totally stranded.

Just before that goal Morton's versatile defender Neil Orr charged

into attack to blast a 30-yarder away from the 'keeper. The ball struck the post, bounced out, hit the fallen Bric and bounced into the net.

Stein could also be watching a couple of young Celts he put on their way to glory while he was in charge of the Parkhead team.

Alan Sneddon, signed from junior club Larkhall Thistle only last season, may play at right-back and the unpredictable George McCluskey could get a place in the firing squad.

The goalkeeper's spot will be in safe hands. St. Mirren's superb Billy Thomson or Aberdeen's Jim Leighton, standing in at the moment for the injured Bobby Clark, will be the competitors to make life a misery for Norway's forwards at Easter Road.

Scotland were pipped on penalty-kicks against Holland's young stars at Easter Road in an Under-23 match several years ago, but there should be no slip-up against Norway in this Under-21 European Championship match.

The Scots realise two points are a must if they are to make any progress in this section and there

will be no mistake if they find their shooting boots in the same manner as they demonstrated against the Americans.

Patrick Thistle's Jim Melrose, another scorer against the States, could be the man to put the Norwegians' central-defenders under a lot of pressure. Melrose works like a demon in the game

and he has the happy knack of always being in the right spot at the right time when a half chance materialises.

Another much talked about young Scot likely to start the match is Hearts' Eamonn Bannon (right) who had a quiet match against the States although there can be no doubting his overall ability and overwhelming talent.

So, it should be a happy Jock Stein after this Under-21 match... and no doubt he will be looking for a similar performance from the full international side the following night against Norway at Hampden.



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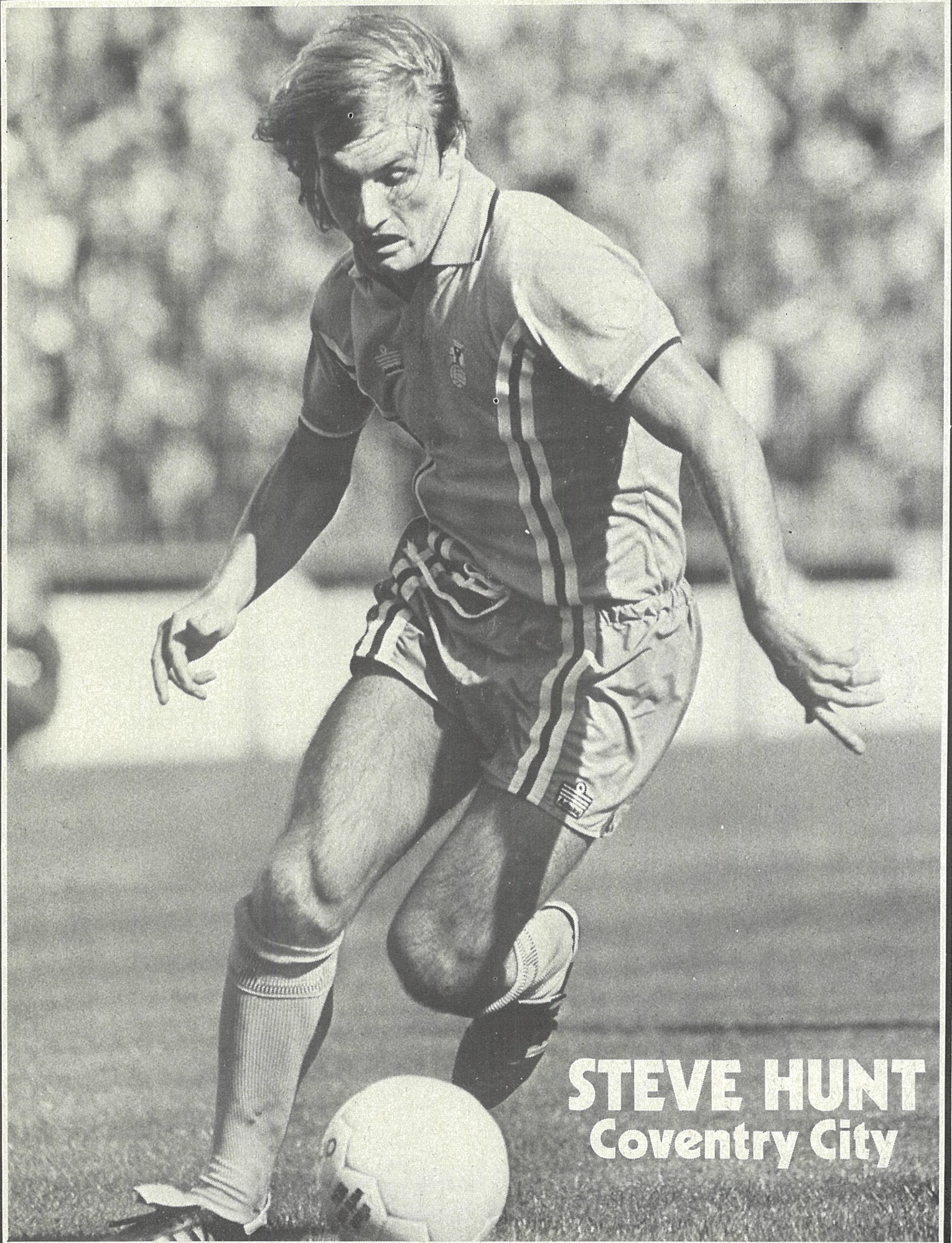
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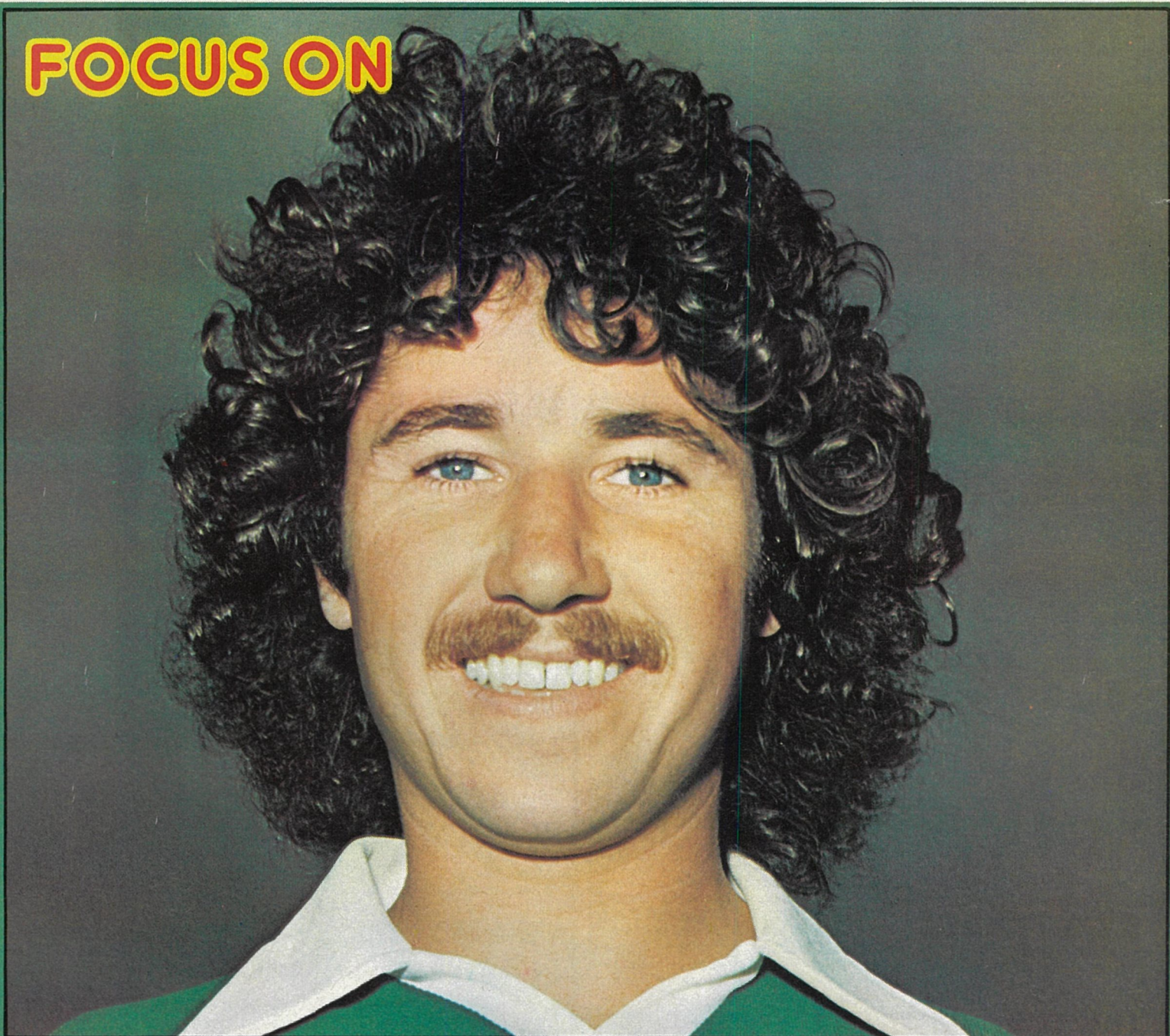


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BOBBY SMITH Hibernian

FULL NAME: Robert Nisbet Smith
BIRTHPLACE: Dalkeith (near Edinburgh)
BIRTHDATE: 21st December, 1953
HEIGHT: 5ft. 8ins.
WEIGHT: 11st. 4lbs.
PREVIOUS CLUB: Musselburgh Windsor (juveniles)
MARRIED: No
CAR: I'm afraid I haven't one
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Johan Cruyff
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Liverpool
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Fast direct wingers
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Dryborough Cup Final 1973. We beat Celtic 1-0
BIGGEST THRILL: Signing for Hibernian
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Celtic in the 1974-75 Scottish League Cup Final
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Canada

FAVOURITE FOOD: Spaghetti Carbonara
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Winning, travelling and people who have a sense of humour
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Arrogant people and irrational critics
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: M*A*S*H, Columbo, The World About Us and any sports programmes
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Elton John, Gerry Rafferty and Average White Band
FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS: Woody Allen, Candice Bergen and Al Pacino
BEST FRIEND: Too many to single out just one
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My family, staff and players at Hibernian Football Club
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Inconsistent refereeing
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Scottish Boys'

Club cap, Amateur Youth and Juvenile caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful and to have a happy life
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play for my country at full level
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A physical education teacher
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? A shady caretaker working in the Royal Mint. No, seriously, actor Al Pacino

Bobby Smith

SHOOT!

THE puzzled looks on the faces of the Derby County players summed up, in one picturesque moment, the success story that is Norwich City's John Ryan (below).

Ryan, 31, is enjoying a new lease of football life in a totally free attacking midfield role for City. And his goal-scoring rate is so impressive it prompted manager John Bond to comment: "Although he is not receiving the credit for his work, John is one of the best players in this role in the First Division."



NORWICH CITY'S "SECRET WEAPON"

The lack of publicity surrounding Ryan's conversion from right-back to midfield is probably one of his hidden strengths. But before very long he is undoubtedly going to find life tougher as opponents get his measure. Because Ryan is now a dangerous player, on and off the ball.

Yet not so long ago he was the subject of two free transfers at a period in his career when most players are moving up the ladder.

Ryan explained: "I turned professional with Arsenal in 1964 as a hopeful goalscorer outside-left. But within 12 months they gave me a free to Fulham."

"I switched to centre-forward at Craven Cottage and scored 31 goals in one season in the Football Combination. By the time I broke into the first team, Fulham were down in the Second Division. I scored one goal, then they switched me to centre-half because John Dempsey was injured during a tour of West Germany. Forty-four games later Fulham gave me a free and I joined Luton in 1969. After four years at the Cottage I began to wonder about my football career and where I was heading."

At Luton Ryan found his best form. He was switched to right-back and made 271 League appearances, including one season in the First Division, before Norwich snapped him up for £46,000 in 1976.

Ryan said: "I managed ten League goals with Luton and a few more in Cups, but John Bond wanted me as a full-back and I was delighted to be

part of the First Division again.

"Last season, after about eight games, John brought in his son, Kevin, at right-back and asked me to switch to midfield. He gave me a free hand, asking only I get forward as much as possible and use my shooting-power from distance."

"What more can a man ask? I was only too happy to oblige. I moved back to the number two slot for a few games as Kevin overcame a lean spell then back into midfield for what proved a tremendous season for me. I played in all 42 games and scored 15 League goals and one in the League Cup."

Today John lives in the peace and quiet of Dereham with his wife, Kay, their son and daughter and an old English sheepdog, almost unaware of the stir his midfield displays have caused within the First Division.

He said: "Someone asked me recently how many goals I had scored since moving into midfield. I had a think and quoted 23 in 41 games. I was then asked to stop and analyse those figures, compare them, even, with the scoring records of some of the game's top strikers."

"I had to admit that the man had a point! And I enjoyed just thinking about it."

"At this stage in my career, I must be realistic. I have always had one ambition, to represent England at some level. If I won a cap for any of the teams I could almost retire a happy man the day after."

"I discovered I had been selected for the England Amateur squad a few

days after joining Arsenal and turning professional. That is the closest I have come."

"When I began to settle down in the First Division and became accustomed to playing against the top players in the game I began to wonder about the matter-of-fact way some of them treat playing for their country."

"There are even players who prefer not to. And that leaves me speechless. What else can you achieve that means more?"

"I often think lads who have never played outside the top levels of our game take some things for granted. It is not their fault because they have never known any different. But perhaps if they tried to live down a few Divisions they would start sprinting the moment the international manager rediscovered them."

What Ryan did not confess was the fact he played through every one of those 42 First Division games last season full of pain-killing tablets.

He admitted: "Yes, I developed one of those troublesome pelvic strains, the kind Alan Mullery and John Richards had. I thought it had cleared up by the end of season 1976-77. But last season it came back very early and I took the pills before every game. But it is healed now, and I do not feel any twinges."

On current form, Ryan looks capable of leaving a few players and their managers more than just twinging as they take a long overdue look at the most underrated midfielder player in the Football League.

WATCHING the new kid in the Wolves forward line this season is like watching a re-run of a Leeds United performance in the 1960's. The latest Wolves cub is the image of Allan Clarke, skinny, graceful, with tremendous ball control and a fierce shot.

He is, of course, Allan's kid brother Wayne, the fifth of the fabulous footballing Clarke family to break into professional football.

And according to ex-England striker Allan, the youngster is going to be the best of them all.

Says Wayne: "I'm most like Allan in looks and playing style but I've never made any attempt to model myself on him. A lot of people seem to think I have, but it's not true. All us brothers are fairly alike, in any case."

on the trot to get everyone buzzing again."

The latest Clarke model has a lot to live up to, but he carries the responsibility well on his thin shoulders. He doesn't let it worry him when the inevitable comparisons with his brothers come from fans.

"I've had to live with it all through my schooldays so it's not a new thing. I don't worry about it anymore."

"I've been lucky because all my brothers gave me good advice when I was a kid and that gave me a head start over some of the others."

As he says, Wayne resembles Allan more than any of his other brothers. And he has the same down-to-earth attitude of Allan,

WAYNE can be the best CLARKE of them all

The 17-year-old came into the Molineux first team for the game against Ipswich in September, after less than 20 reserve games. He hammered 12 goals in 16 reserve games last term and manager Sammy Chung reckoned he was ready.

"I was pretty nervous for that first game but I think I handled it well. I didn't let the occasion put me off my normal game. It was the biggest crowd I'd faced since turning professional but I played in front of large crowds when I was an England schoolboy so it wasn't completely new."

"I suppose the biggest difference was the faster pace, but I'm sure it won't take me long to adjust to that."

Struggling

"I was a little surprised to get my chance so soon, but the team have been struggling, so I guess the manager thought I was worth a chance. Now I hope I'm going to have a good run in the first team."

There were plenty of clubs anxious to sign young Wayne when he left school but he had his mind set on Wolves for some time.

"One of the main reasons was I wanted to stay at home with my mum and dad. I also thought there was a good chance of getting into the first team early at Wolves — and that's been proved right."

Mum and dad were in the stand to watch his first game but unfortunately, none of his brothers could make it. His younger brother Kelvin had planned to attend but he'd broken an ankle a few days earlier.

It was a disappointing debut as far as the result was concerned — Wolves lost 3-1 and sank to the bottom of the First Division table.

But young Wayne still believes he can help them reach safety this season. "All the team is really lacking is confidence. We've got some good players here and shouldn't be in trouble. What we need is to win two or three games



now player-manager of Fourth Division Barnsley.

The football world looks to be his oyster for the next dozen years but he's not talking about playing for England or winning Championships with Wolves.

"I'm just happy to be in the team at the moment. I want to be successful and do well for Wolves and for the time being, I'm not looking any further than that."

Comparisons with his brothers are inevitable, but Wayne should be judged as an individual, not as "Allan's brother".

Wayne certainly seems to have many of Allan's skills, in that he's fast, tricky and knows where the back of the net is.

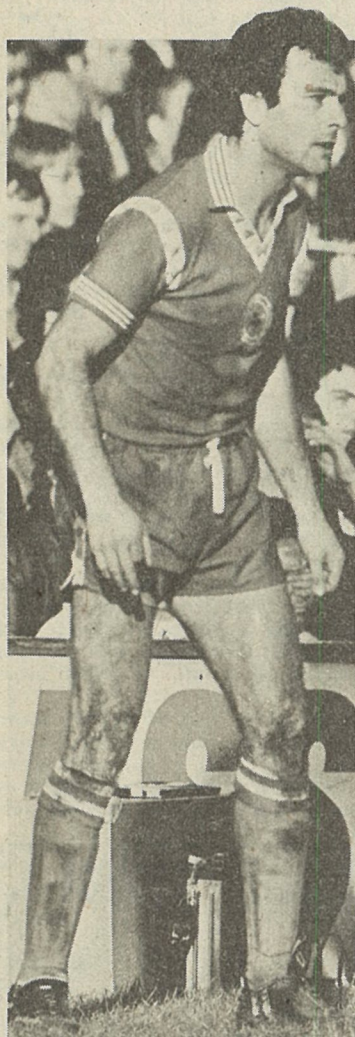
But it's important he has his own identity and should, as we said, be judged by this yardstick.

Wolves face a long, hard winter as even at this stage of the season the threat of relegation is already real.

A few more goals from the latest of the Clarke goal sensations would be very welcome around Molineux right now!

KEITH WELLER

—winging his way back with Leicester



extremely well. We didn't win a game until our seventh outing when we hammered Brighton 4-1. Previous to that, we'd only scored one goal at home.

"But we had a good following for our away game at Blackburn where we drew 1-1. It's a long way to travel to support the team and to watch a football match, especially when you're not doing all that well.

"So the supporters are turning out for the games; they realise we've had a pre-season managerial change and Jock Wallace has a new job to do. Added to which, there are fresh faces coming into the team and it all takes time to settle.

"They've always been a fair minded crowd here and I think if they see signs you're going the right way, then they're willing to go along. But there's going to come a time when they're going to say, 'Right, you've had your fair crack of the whip; now we want some action'."

Keith, 32, joined Leicester from Chelsea in September, 1971, for £100,000 after spells with Arsenal, Tottenham and Millwall.

Outside-right

"I started off as a winger," he says, "then I played in midfield. I was never an out-and-out striker — more of a right sided midfield player, but since my return from America the manager's been playing me at outside-right."

For around 18 months Keith has been nursing a troublesome knee and has to train and play accordingly. "It's bone flakes that come off behind the kneecap," he says, "and the reason I went to America was to get some more advice on the best things to keep me playing and to find out if there was any cure. There isn't really any cure, because it's more of a disease than an injury.

"I play with a knee pad on, which is more like a diver's wet suit. A lot of basketball players with similar problems wear the same sort of thing, so the orthopaedic surgeons over there recommended me to wear one. In the next few months when the weather really starts to get bad, then it might be of some help.

"I want to keep playing for as long as I can, but obviously with my knee being a bit dodgy, then I can only go on for so long. I'd like to stay in the game in some capacity, whether it be coaching, managing or what, and then we'll take it from there."

AFTER spending all summer in America playing for The New England Tea Men, Keith Weller is again turning on the style for Leicester City.

"I came into the side for our fifth League match of the season against Notts County," he said, "and I'm very pleased with my form. I think the team have been playing reasonably well, but they've lacked in certain areas. Whether I've just added that little bit of dimension to the game, well, I don't know.

"I feel Leicester will come strong, but it's something that won't come straightaway. There's a lot of work to be done and we're getting the backlash really of last season, where we had a problem of scoring goals.

"We still can't score too many goals and, until we start putting the ball into the back of the net far more regularly and keeping it out at the other end, thereby getting a few wins under our belts, things are not really going to change.

"It's going to be a battle all the time. I can see signs of improvement along the lines, but we've got to get the right sort of blend and keep going from there.

"The fans are taking our slow start



Old club has given DON MASSON a new start

DON Masson went home to Meadow Lane earlier this season. And included within that single, one line statement was the sad story of the decline of one of the game's brightest stars in recent years.

Masson's move from First Division Derby County to Notts County, his former club in the Second Division, came after a summer of discontent.

Masson came home from Argentina with the Scottish squad disillusioned and tired, physically and mentally. It was that sort of trip for the entire Scottish squad but especially for Masson who took much of the stick for the Scottish let-down.

Now, Masson has to pick up the threads of his career at Notts County. Is it a challenge he fancies after the problems of the last nine months?

Don is very reluctant to face the attention of the limelight after his turbulent times. But he does admit the move back to County has given him the chance to start afresh after those disappointments.

"It's good to be involved here," he says. "I'm enjoying it. We've got to get more professionalism into the club and the side. But once we've done that, I don't see any reason why County shouldn't be up there challenging near the top of the table, at the end of the season.

"We're as good as anyone I've seen so far. I think we can do pretty well and I'm looking forward to the challenge the job will involve."

Masson won't go into the reasons for the Scottish debacle in Argentina. He claims, maybe justly, the

mass publicity and coverage has hardly worked out for his benefit — and the damage done to both Don Masson and Scottish football in the last few months, has been immense.

It was all so different when Scotland left for Argentina. Masson talked happily as he sipped coffee at six in the morning on a stop-over at the Northern Brazilian town of Recife. "This is a fabulous chance for me," he said. "We'll have to wait and see how things go but I reckon we've got enough good players to really go far in this Cup."

Masson's enthusiasm at that stage was obvious to everyone. Quiet optimism was the mood in the Scottish camp on the big DC10 as they thundered on down to Buenos Aires. The rest, of course, is history.

Now, Masson is in the comparative obscurity of Second Division football with Notts County. His Scottish future is virtually nil; his future in the limelight of English soccer is hardly bright with Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest just across the road. But that doesn't worry Masson.

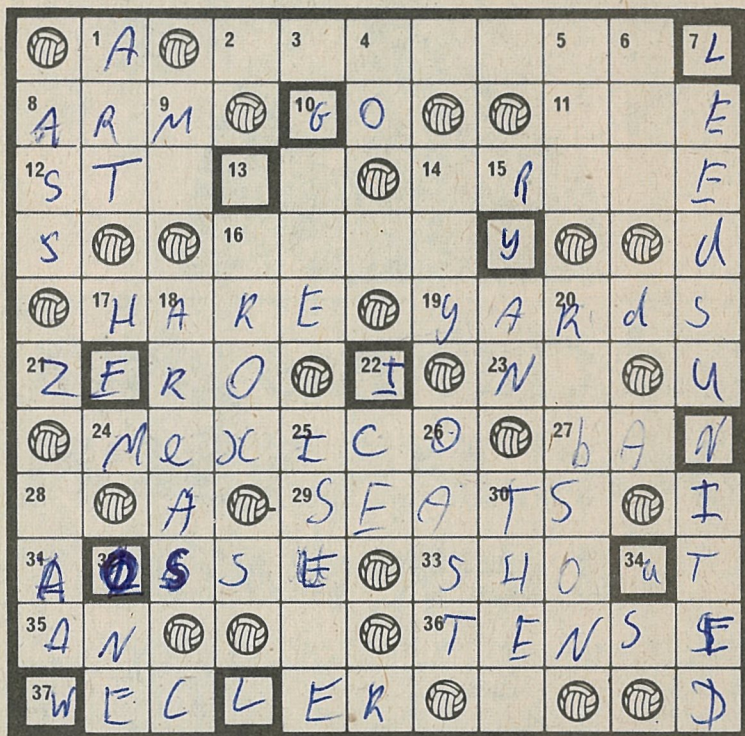
Masson has a point to prove this season — and he means to do it in the quietest possible way. He shuns publicity these days and won't talk freely about the game. But his dedication to the County cause is unmistakable.

The old style of the past, on and off the field, may be gone. But Masson now works quietly for the future of County — determined to prove something to the critics who, he feels, have given him such a turbulent last nine months.

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of an Arsenal defender.

Answers on page 46



ACROSS:—

- (2) Ground of an English First Division club from the Midlands.
- (8) Jimmy ---field, former manager of Leeds.
- (10) Gerry --w of Bristol City.
- (11) On which an ingrown nail can be very painful.
- (12) --- Park, home of Stranraer.
- (14) The Railwaymen from this town (English Fourth Division).
- (16) Les ---, Charlton Athletic defender.
- (17) John O'---- of Nottingham Forest.
- (19) The pitch is measured in them.
- (21) Take four letters from Dynamo Zagreb for nothing.
- (23) Peter --ble of Burnley.
- (24) Country venue of the 1970 World Cup Finals.
- (27) Can be placed on a player for bad conduct, etc.
- (29) There are a great many in Wembley Stadium, for example.
- (31) Does not gain any points.
- (33) Loud call of encouragement, perhaps.
- (35) H-lifax Tow-, Fourth Division club.
- (36) Highly strung --- as before an important game.
- (37) Keith ---, Leicester City midfielder player.

DOWN:—

- (1) P---ick Thistle.
- (3) Concur perhaps with the ref's decision.
- (4) --choux; French U.E.F.A. Cup team.
- (5) Neil Wh--mor- of Bolton Wanderers.
- (6) Cappi--- Park, home of Morton.
- (7) Yorkshire team from Elland Road.
- (8) Irving Nattr--- of Newcastle.
- (9) Alvin --rtin of West Ham United.
- (14) Weep maybe over a bad defeat.
- (15) John ---, Norwich City midfielder.
- (17) Take three letters from Middlesbrough for a border.
- (18) Parts of the field of play are divided into them.
- (20) Bryan ---, West Bromwich Albion midfielder.
- (22) David Pr--- of Arsenal.
- (25) One publication as of the club programme.
- (26) Frank ---plet-n (Arsenal). Kiln from the omissions.
- (28) Blemish maybe in the style of play.
- (30) Sou----- United from Roots Hall ground.
- (32) Leeds United ---, Arsenal Nil in the 1971-72 F.A. Cup Final.
- (34) Bobby Ferg--on of West Ham United.

STAO

'MY FOCUS ON

DID you see me on telly last Saturday, or Sunday morning? I was "star" of "Focus On Soccer," a seven-part weekly film series currently being shown on Britain's small screens.

Naturally, I'm biased, but in my opinion the programme is the most entertaining and authoritative of its kind.

The aim of producers Terry Ryan and Ray Marshall is to give viewers a behind-the-scenes look at the day-to-day training and techniques of six of today's top footballers. It's a fascinating insight into the game at its highest level.

During each film the featured player talks about his training routine and how it helps to develop his basic skills, style and tactics.

The first film of the series traced the history of football and then in the second-half Manchester City's Mike Channon looked at the basic skills needed by EVERY player, irrespective of position.

Following films featured The Goalkeeper with Ray Clemence... Colin Todd was The Defender... Trevor Brooking The Midfielder... I was The Winger... Kevin Keegan The Striker... and this weekend the series ends with Sir Matt Busby describing, with the help of Manchester United, the essential elements of team-work.

I first heard about the series about 18 months ago when Opix Films directors Ray Marshall and Terry Ryan approached me on the subject.

Apparently the Football League had sanctioned the proposed series and put forward their own player recommendations.

I'm pleased the League chose me to represent wingers, because I like to think I have played a small part in helping to bring them back into the game.

Thanks to the likes of Peter Barnes, Steve Coppell, Dave Thomas and Steve Heighway, wingers are back in fashion, exciting the fans with their speed and control.

As Steve Coppell and Steve Heighway demonstrate week-after-week for Man. United and Liverpool, the winger of today has to be more of an all-rounder than the greats of yesterday.

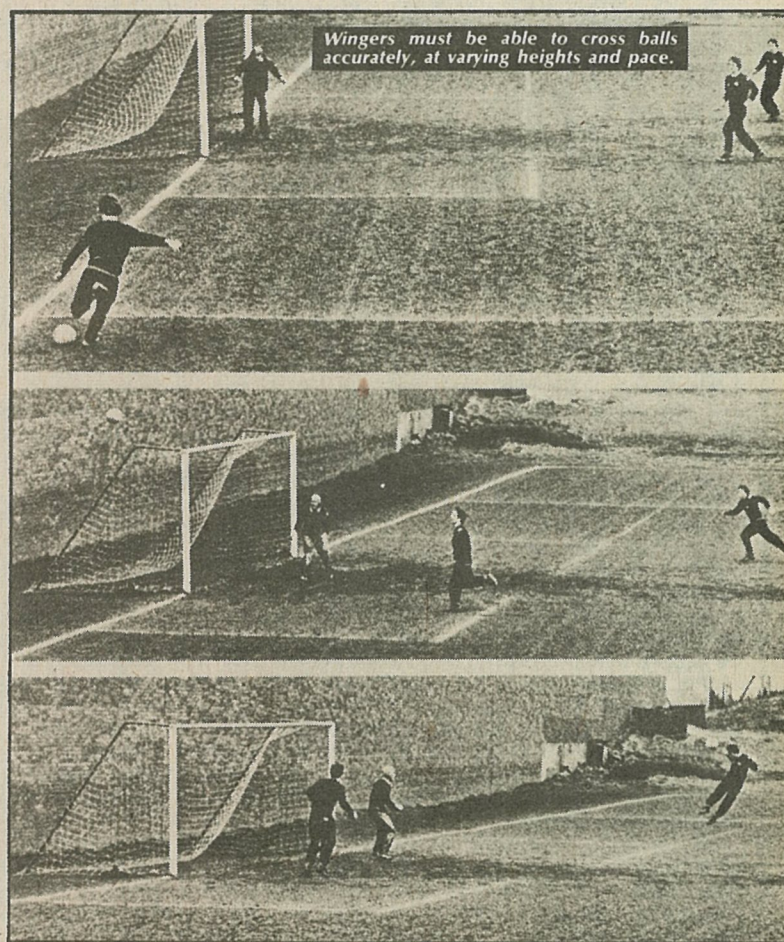
Of all the wingers of the past, my favourite was Gentio, of Real Madrid and Spain.

He was my ideal winger. I studied his approach, read about him, watched him in action on TV.

These days wingers have to be prepared to operate in midfield on occasions, when his team have lost possession.

As my film showed, a modern winger must be quick off the mark, have close-control, be able to pass and centre a ball accurately... and score his quota of goals every season.

Wingers bring width to a team. They create space for their midfielders by taking on defenders, stretching them wide, leaving gaps to be exploited. They must be mak-



SOCCER'

ers and takers of goals.

As I said in my column about wingers last season, players such as Everton's Dave Thomas, with the ability to cross balls at varying heights and pace, are vital to a team searching for success.

Dave was an essential piece of manager Gordon Lee's jigsaw. Since his arrival at Goodison from Q.P.R. in August, 1977, Everton have added a new dimension to their game and are real serious Championship challengers, with the look of a side likely to stay at the top once they get there.

And it's no mere coincidence striker Bob Latchford won his first full England caps within three months of Dave's move North.

Obviously I haven't the space to describe a winger's function in complete detail. If you want to read about my role, and that of Goal-keeper, Defender, Striker and Mid-fielder, I suggest you buy the book based on the TV series called "Focus On Soccer — A Player's Guide."

Filming and producing my part for TV took almost a year's work. A camera crew followed me through several training sessions with United and England.

Then they covered me in League action with United. Thousands of feet of film were shot before the crew were satisfied they had sufficient.

When the editing had been completed, title shots worked out, music for the series compiled and



my soccer scene
**GORDON
& HILL**

In Focus for the camera crew.

recorded — very catchy number it is, too — Hugh Johns' commentary added, I was summoned to the Opix studios in London to talk over the soundtrack.

I'd like to express my thanks to Stevie Coppel and the apprentices

at Old Trafford for their help in making my film. Also, my gratitude to the two men responsible for making Focus On Soccer, Ray and Terry. It was a great experience I'll never forget.

I've only one complaint about the

series — and it's directed at most of the ITV companies for putting the transmissions out at 9.00 or 9.30 on a Saturday or Sunday morning.

Apart from being a highly entertaining half-an-hour guaranteed to be enjoyed by ALL viewers, Focus On Soccer will encourage youngsters and help to improve their skills.

If the series is repeated in the future, I hope the various companies schedule the programmes for a later time, when more people are likely to be looking in.

Sunday — as in the London Weekend region — at 9.00 a.m.? I ask you. Few fans want to watch telly at that time.

This Saturday (October 21st) at 3.00 p.m. there's sure to be a big crowd at the Baseball Ground for the visit of Tottenham Hotspur.

As you know I like to see all the London clubs doing well and hope newly-promoted Spurs manage to establish themselves back in the First Division this term.

Should be a good game this, with our new signing John Duncan eager to score against his old team-mates.

I'm particularly looking forward to meeting Argentinians Ardiles and Villa and the opportunity of showing them what playing on the wing in England is all about.

As much as I love London Town, though, no Cockney fellow feeling for Tottenham this weekend.



England's Peter Barnes "stretches" this West German defender.

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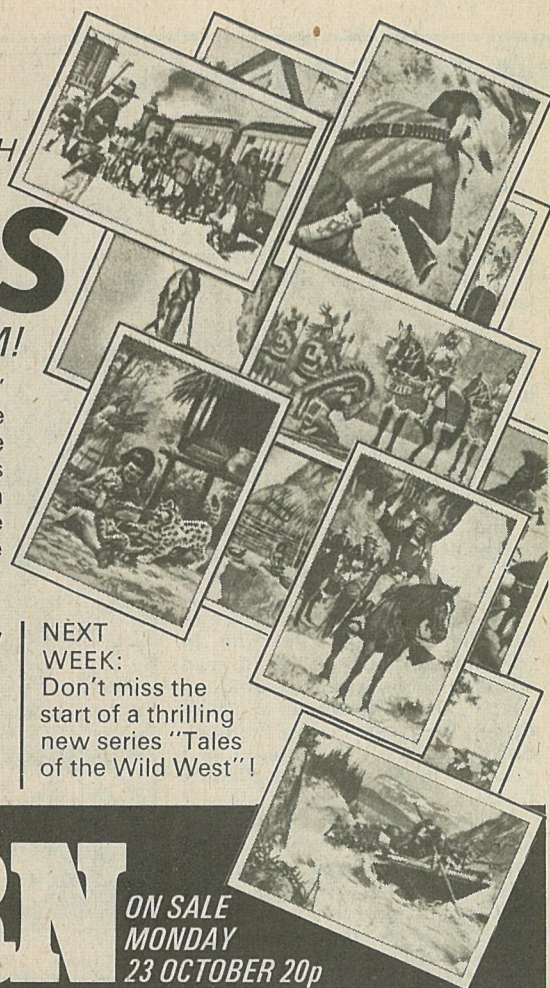
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was anxious to stay in Scotland, and the chance to restore pride to his country was too big a temptation for him to resist.

Scotland's new boss, who accepted the position on his 56th birthday, now faces the task of naming his team to face Norway in their vital European Championship tie at Hampden Park next Wednesday (October 25).

He turned Celtic into one of the most powerful clubs in the world, let's hope he finds the same success with Scotland. I think he will.

Having said that I wish Ally MacLeod all the luck in the world in his new/old job with Ayr United. He succeeded against the Home countries of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, but fell short in Europe and the rest of the world.

For Scotland, more than any other country, playing away from home is a different ball game and that is why we needed someone who knows the European and international scene.

Mr. Stein's appointment was no real surprise. But if he had turned Scotland down who else would I liked to have seen in the job? Another man I have great respect for is Jock Wallace.

The former Rangers manager, now with Leicester City, would I believe, have been eager and willing to take over from Ally MacLeod, for there is scarcely anyone more fiercely patriotic.

And I will tell you this. If Scotland had a discipline problem before, it would no more if big Jock Wallace had taken over! Mind you the other Jock is not a man to be trifled with.

Meanwhile, back on the club front I was sorely disappointed about Celtic losing to Burnley in the Quarter-Finals of the Anglo-Scottish Cup.

Burnley played well and are a good side — especially goalkeeper Alan Stevenson who was out of this world at Parkhead with two great saves — but we gave them it on a plate.

We conceded two stupid goals and added to the fact we were already one down from the first leg, we were on a mission impossible looking for four to win the tie.

We got a penalty back ... but that was the only way we were going to beat Stevenson that night at Parkhead.

Mind you, it was all the more harrowing for me because it was my first full game back in competitive action. My legs felt like a ton when we finished, something which wasn't helped by losing.

Still, Rangers eased the pain for Scottish football with their tremendous European Cup result against Juventus the same night.

That 2-1 aggregate victory was a fabulous boost for the game North of the border after the disappointment of the World Cup.

'JOCK STEIN-Scotland's best choice'

THERE is an absolute king's ransom waiting for the first shrewd businessman who starts a company called rent-a-boss.

New football managers are more in demand than ice cold water in an Indian restaurant and without a doubt, in Scotland at least, this year has been the most infamous of all.

The four top football club jobs North of the border have gone begging at one time or another. Celtic, Rangers, St. Mirren and Aberdeen and then just to make it a bumper year for managership applicants Ally MacLeod packed in the Scotland job after European Championship defeat in Austria.

A couple of weeks later, the SFA named their new man, Jock Stein, my former boss who went down South to run Leeds United.

Ally MacLeod left a big hole to fill and the Leeds United manager of just 45 days — one more than Brian Clough lasted — is the best choice to follow on.

The Big Man's reputation is unique and his record the same. If some people thought he was past his best when he left Celtic ... well, I can only say Leeds United obviously didn't think that way.

Their chairman, Manny Cussins fought the hardest fight of his life to keep him at Elland Road.

Mr. Stein said money wasn't the reason for leaving Leeds. His wife



Rangers adapted to their own strengths and even when they went 2-0 ahead the pressure was still on them ... for if Juventus had scored they would have gone through.

The Italians did have their excuses of course. That the World Cup had taken a lot out of them, especially considering their new League season hadn't yet started ... but make no mistake, Rangers stood up and were counted.

This Saturday (October 21st), Celtic take on newly-promoted Morton at Parkhead. Player-manager at Cappielow is former Celt Benny Rooney, and at the moment he's struggling to find Premier Division consistency.

As much as I want Benny to do well I can't see him getting much change out of a Celtic side currently on top form and leading the race for the title.

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WHAT PRICE LOYALTY?



Jock Stein is welcomed at Elland Road... he stayed for just 45 days.

THOSE people who thought Scotland couldn't make any more bungling mistakes after the World Cup have been proved wrong. Amazingly, Ally MacLeod, the man who masterminded the disaster in Argentina, was kept on as manager, being given a vote of confidence. Even Houdini would have been hard-pushed to have made such an escape.

"Muhammad Ally" — so called because of his outrageous statements — was still in charge of Scotland when they began their 1980 European Championship campaign against Austria in Vienna. He virtually admitted what a mistake he'd made with his World Cup squad by chopping half the men who went to the Finals.

Just as MacLeod didn't bother to watch Peru or Iran before the World Cup ("let THEM worry about US!"), no member of the Scottish F.A. stayed on to watch the later stages of the World Cup, even though they knew Austria were their European Championship opponents.

Scotland travelled to Vienna confident they could pick up the pieces. This was their chance to show the world what happened in Argentina was just one of those things. A much quieter MacLeod could surely not be sacked now, whatever happened. Well, if you can survive such a World Cup, things can only get better...?

Scotland quickly found themselves 3-0 down to the talented Austrians, who had shown in June they were no mugs. Once again, Scotland goalkeeper Alan Rough lived up to his unfortunate name, allowing one shot to go through his legs.

Significantly, goals by Gordon McQueen and Andy Gray — Argentina absentees — made the scoreline more respectable, but nothing could disguise the fact (a) Scotland had lost and (b) had played badly.

MacLeod had to go. The Press were on his back and even his skin wasn't thick enough to ward off all the insults. The official line is he resigned, to go back to his old job as manager of Ayr United, in the Scottish First Division. Yet after the statement by the president of the S.F.A. that "we haven't achieved anything in 100 years of football," one wonders how much pressure there was on MacLeod to go.

Of course, what Scotland should have done was to sack MacLeod

immediately after the World Cup, and appoint Jock Stein as successor. Stein has done more for Scottish football than any other man, leading Celtic to many domestic triumphs as well as the 1967 European Cup. Stein had stepped down from his Celtic job and was available.

He'd been in charge of Scotland before on a part-time basis and everyone who knew Stein realised this was the perfect opportunity for him and Scotland to "get together".

When the S.F.A. decided to continue with MacLeod, Stein accepted the job offered by Leeds United. This was a chance to prove himself in English soccer and a man of his experience would be a welcome addition to the Football League.

Subsequent events can only be described as sick. As soon as MacLeod resigned (?), the S.F.A. approached Leeds for permission to talk to Stein. He'd been offered a three year contract worth £80,000 at Elland Road, but hadn't actually signed it. Foresight... or a coincidence?

Stein, a man who has constantly preached loyalty to his players, turned his back on Leeds and accepted the Scotland job. He mumbled something about his wife not liking Leeds. They'd been in the city just 45 days — had Leeds become a bad place in that time?

Leeds, understandably, are bitterly disappointed. Their manager has walked out on them, leaving them without a leader as the League and League Cup hots up. Stein said he was patriotic, that he couldn't refuse the Scotland job. He'd had the chance to become full-time manager before, yet had turned it down.

When Stein left Leeds, it was a sad day for football. How can anyone trust anyone else again? What price loyalty? How can Stein expect loyalty from the Leeds players he must surely pick for Scotland?

The whole episode is almost unreal. Jock Stein — one of the most admired and respected men in football — has set the wrong type of example. He should have turned down the Scotland job, saying he'd given his word to Leeds and that was that. Or... he shouldn't have gone to Elland Road in the first place.

Any success Stein has with Scotland — and no doubt he WILL achieve success — will have a hollow ring about it, especially at Elland Road.

CHRIS DAVIES

ELEVEN years ago Celtic became the first British club to conquer Europe when they won the Champions' Cup in Lisbon. The newspapers forgot about world events as they packed their pages with Celtic's historic 2-1 victory over those defensive experts from Italy, Inter-Milan.

That same year Celtic bought a young player of flair and poise from the juniors. His name was Paul Wilson and Jock Stein told the fans this enterprising outside-left was a boy of outstanding promise.

The Parkhead fans waited to see Wilson living up to Stein's words. But the unpredictable Wilson never really convinced them. Certainly, he had talent. Sure, he could score "impossible" goals. No one doubted that, but Wilson also failed to recapture his glory moments on a consistent basis.

He started the season as the longest-

The Motherwell attack is certainly an intriguing and exciting one when you look at it. Marinello, like Wilson, has temperamental talents. He can wriggle through iron hard defences with eel-like grace when he is on song. And Marinello, like Wilson, can seem to lose interest in a game when things aren't going his way.

Two players who can benefit from the touchlines antics of Marinello and Wilson are Mike Larnach, another £60,000 buy this season, and highly-rated Willie Pettigrew.

Former Clydebank and Newcastle striker Larnach and Pettigrew haven't fused their talents together yet, but with Wilson adding a new dimension to the front-line they could be given more time and space.

Ironically, Marinello and Wilson have both been likened to George Best, the former Manchester United

Can Wilson work wonders with Motherwell?



serving Celt, signing a year before Danny McGrain, but now Wilson has taken his erratic ability to Fir Park with Celtic receiving a £60,000 cheque from Motherwell manager Roger Hynd.

And Wilson, 27, is determined to show Celtic what they missed. He is confident of displaying his dazzling array of tricks throughout a season and not just in spurts.

"I have long admired Wilson," says ex-Ranger Roger Hynd. "On his day, he can be a breathtaking sight. He can run at defences, take on players and leave them for dead."

"He can make goals and take them and I hope he can do that for Motherwell. In fact, I now believe I have the two best wingers in Scotland with Peter Marinello on the right and Paul Wilson on the left."

superstar of enigmatic genius.

Marinello was hailed as "the new George Best" after his £100,000 transfer to Arsenal from Hibs eight years ago, but the tag didn't sit comfortably on him South of the border.

And the Celtic fans claimed Wilson was the nearest thing to Best when he settled into the attack as a youngster at the start. His frustrating talents in the end brought groans from the terraces instead of applause.

Possibly, Wilson never got an extended run in the Parkhead first team when things weren't working out for him. He won League Championship honours, League Cup and Scottish Cup medals and an international cap against Spain in the European Championship in Valencia several years ago, but Wilson is still something of a puzzle to Scottish fans.

ALAN Rough was having one of his better days. He had just returned from Vienna with the Scottish international team after the 3-2 European Championship defeat from Austria and, almost inevitably, he was being sniped at.

Now he was facing up to Celtic in a Premier Division match at Firhill, displaying the marvellous skills that, alas, sometimes desert him when he plays for his country.

The shot that was raging towards him had been firmly struck for the far corner of the net. It was a shot of awesome power, a winner all the way and already the Celtic fans were acclaiming a superb debut goal for their club's most expensive signing Davie Provan, a £120,000 buy from Kilmarnock only a few days before.

Rough turned those cheers to strangled groans as he dived full-length across his line, managed to get a hand to the ball to divert it away. And as Alfie Conn followed up in an effort to poke in the rebound, Rough reacted instinctively to throw himself on the loose ball.

Davie Provan had been thwarted on that occasion, but there can be little doubt this is a player of the highest calibre, a youngster who will be going all the way to the top.

"I was obviously delighted to sign the boy," says Parkhead manager Billy McNeill, who has brought flair and pride again to Celtic after a disastrous last season.

"Actually I tried to sign him last year when I was manager of Aberdeen, but there was little doing at the time. I kept my eye on him, though."

"Now I feel I have a player who

been the one for me.

"I am enjoying my new career as a Celt. The competition for first team places here is incredible, so I know nothing but my best will keep me in the team."

Provan is just the start of Celtic's rebuilding. Manager McNeill has been linked with a number of players this season and the Celtic team of today and the one in, say, a year's time could be changed drastically.

The £120,000 fee paid to Kilmarnock for Provan beats Celtic's previous high of £90,000



CELTIC'S RECORD FEE MAN-Davie Provan

will complement my squad. He is a good flank runner and gets the ball into dangerous positions. He will undoubtedly improve as he settles in."

Provan had asked Kilmarnock for a transfer on two occasions since the start of the season. He said then: "I want full-time soccer and I am not going to get that at Rugby Park."

"My future, therefore, must lie elsewhere. I hope the club understands my position. I feel I must better myself."

Aston Villa were also on the youngster's trail. Manager Ron Saunders had received some glowing reports on the talented touchline terror, but when Celtic moved in there was only one club for Provan.

"It's just great to sign for a club such as Celtic," he says happily. "Honestly, if I had had to choose my own transfer this would have

three years ago. Ironically, that, too, was for a right-winger... Johnny Doyle, bought from another Ayrshire club, Ayr United.

New boy Provan may be young in years — he's only 20 — but he has a fair amount of experience. For instance, he starred in the Scottish 'B' team's 1-1 draw with the Italian 'B' side in Verona last season. By all reports his performance that night even overshadowed that of Paolo Rossi, the wonder boy of Italy's World Cup bid in Argentina.

That is testimony enough to the boy's natural talents. Provan has arrived in the big-time and he likes the atmosphere. Left-backs, you have been warned!

So have the other nine Premier Division clubs. Celtic have once again led the way this season... and Davie Provan is one very big reason why they're Championship challengers once more.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S Quiz Time

1. Steve Waddington was recently transferred from Stoke City to Wolves, Walsall or Wrexham for around £20,000, £30,000 or £40,000?

2. Do you know the Christian names of the following? (a) ---- McManus (Notts County), (b) ---- Burridge (Crystal Palace), (c) ---- Williams (below, Southampton) and (d) ---- Stride (Chelsea).



3. (a) Glasgow Rangers have won the old First Division and Premier Division Championship 37, 38 or 39 times and (b) been Scottish Cup holders on 20, 21 or 22 occasions?

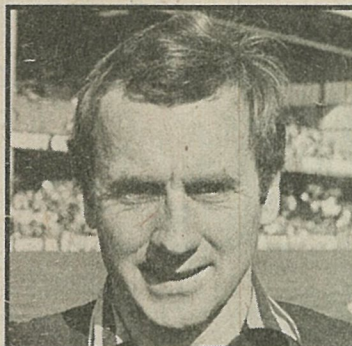
4. The Third Round first-leg ties in the Scottish League Cup were played in early October. Select the correct results for the following games. (a) Abroath v. Airdrie (0-0, 1-1, 2-2), (b) Celtic v. Motherwell (0-1, 1-2, 2-3), (c) Kilmarnock v. Morton (2-0, 3-0, 4-0) and (d) Raith Rovers v. Montrose (1-0, 2-0, 3-0).

5. When Eire met Northern Ireland in a European Championship game in Dublin on September 20, Arsenal provided five players (right) for the match. Can you identify the stars and whether they played for the Republic or Northern Ireland?



6. Dario Gradi, Harry Gregg, Allan Clarke and Maurice Evans are managers in the Fourth Division. Which is boss of (a) Barnsley, (b) Reading, (c) Wimbledon and (d) Crewe Alexandra?

7. Jock Stein resigned from Leeds United to become manager of Scotland. Was he at Elland Road for 45, 46 or 47 days?



8. Apart from the fact Nottingham Forest had beaten Wolves 3-1 on Saturday, October 7th, manager Brian Clough had another reason to feel excited. Know what it was?

9. Micky Burns was sold to Middlesbrough from a Second Division club for around £75,000. He previously played for three other League clubs... which?

10. Tottenham transferred two players to Second Division Orient recently. Ralph Coates (left) was one — can you name the other?

LEAGUE CUP

The Third Round of the League Cup was played recently. Can you answer the questions listed?

11. Did Tommy Craig (left), Andy Gray or Brian Little miss a penalty for Aston Villa against Crystal Palace?

12. The shock of the round was undoubtedly Watford's fine 2-1 victory against Manchester United at Old Trafford. Luther Blissett was the hero for the Third Division club. Did he score both goals with headers or shots?

13. Can you name the two Charlton Athletic players who scored a couple of goals each in the London club's 5-4 victory at Chesterfield?

14. Neil Whatmore, Alan Gowling or Willie Morgan was sent-off for Bolton Wanderers in their 2-1 defeat by Exeter?

15. Blackpool entertained Manchester City at Bloomfield Road. The game finished 1-1... what was the half-time score?

Answers:

1. Walsall for £40,000. 2. (a) Eric, (b) John, (c) Steve, (d) David. 3. (a) 37, (b) 20. 4. (a) 0-0, 1-1, 2-2, (b) 0-1, 1-2, 2-3, (c) 2-0, 3-0, 4-0 and (d) 1-0, 2-0, 3-0. 5. From right: Pat Rice and Sammy Nelson (both Northern), Frank Stapleton and Liam Brady (both Eire) and Pat Jennings (Northern). 6. (a) Allan Clarke, (b) Maurice Evans, (c) Dario Gradi, (d) Harry Gregg. 7. 45. 8. record of 34 League games without defeat. 9. Blackpool, Newcastle and Cardiff. 10. Ian Moores. 11. Tommy Craig. 12. Headers. 13. Keith Peacock and Martin Robinson. 14. Whatmore. 15. 1-1.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS:—

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

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STOKE CITY

FOR over a hundred years Stoke had been trying in vain to win a major football trophy. Original members of the Football League in 1888 and the highest position they could boast of in the First Division: fourth in 1935-36 and 1946-47.

So Saturday, March 4th, 1972, was a red letter day for the City of Stoke. That afternoon The Potters beat Chelsea 2-1 to win the Football League Cup at Wembley.

A goal in the 75th minute by 35-year-old George Eastham, his only goal that season, won Stoke the trophy they had waited so long for.

That victory made up for the disappointment of being knocked out in the Semi-Finals of the F.A. Cup in 1971 and 1972. The only previous occasion they had reached that stage being in 1899 when Derby beat them 3-1.

In 1971 and 1972 they lost both years to Arsenal and both after a replay.

Old Carthusians is a name that figures at the start of the F.A. Cup, and when a group of Old Carthusians took jobs with the North Staffordshire Railways in 1863 it is not surprising they started playing football and so their team, Stoke, became the second oldest club in the country.

Stoke were original members of the Football League in 1888. After finishing bottom in 1889-90, they dropped out for a season. But the Stoke public did not seem to want

Where Sir Stanley Matthews Starred...

League soccer and in 1908 the club resigned and went into voluntary liquidation.

A new company was formed, but the club could not regain admission to the Football League.

For the next 20 years Stoke played in the Birmingham League and then the Southern League before they were elected to the enlarged Second Division for the 1919-20 season.

Promotion to the First Division in 1921-22 was followed by instant relegation 12 months later.

In 1925, when Stoke-on-Trent became a city, the club naturally, was renamed Stoke City. But they celebrated their new title by being relegated to the Third (North) at the end of the 1925-26 season. Although they climbed out at the first attempt.



In 1932, a young winger signed professional for Stoke, making his League debut on March 19th in a match at Bury.

Little did Stoke, or football, know that little-mentioned debut was of a player who was to be soon known all over the footballing world. STANLEY MATTHEWS had arrived!

The following season (1932-33) Matthews helped the club win promotion to the First Division.

Matthews must be the only player in the history of the game that has had a public meeting held about him. In 1938, after tensions within the club, he asked for a transfer.

Pottery manufacturers around the City complained production in local factories was being affected, while 3,000 supporters attended a "Matthews must not go" meeting at Stoke Town Hall. He agreed to stay, although in 1947 he did sign for Blackpool for £11,500.

As Matthews was winning his long-awaited F.A. Cup winner's medal with Blackpool in 1953, Stoke were relegated to the Second Division. After that came a period when the fortunes of the club went further into decline.

But on October 18th, 1961, Stoke re-signed Matthews. Overnight the City came to life. All because of a footballer who was only four months short of his 47th birthday!

The facts speak for themselves. The match before his comeback, the crowd at The Victoria Ground was just 8,409 against Preston. The name Matthews attracted an attendance of 35,974 for his first home game v Huddersfield Town. A fact Stoke celebrated by winning 3-0.

Although Stoke were known as "Dad's Army", so many elderly players did they have in the side, they won the Second Division Championship in the 1962-63 season. Matthews himself scored the goal that clinched promotion against Luton Town.

Stoke stayed in the First Division until the end of the 1976-77 season.

Durban drives for promotion

ALAN DURBAN made his name as player-manager of Shrewsbury Town. Success with a small town club like Shrewsbury is hard to achieve, but Durban did well on very small gates and it came as no surprise when the Stoke directors asked the former Derby County star to take over at The Victoria Ground in February, 1978.



Few Stoke supporters will argue with the start City have made under Durban this season. Interest in the side has also seen the Stoke public come back to support the club. The home gate of 22,203 against Brighton was City's best since March 20th, 1976, when Stoke were at home to Q.P.R. in the First Division.

There are some familiar faces in the Stoke side like Denis Smith, John Marsh, Alan Dodd and Howard Kendall. Last season saw the arrival of Brendan O'Callaghan and Viv Busby. In the summer of 1978 came Mike Doyle and Sammy Irvine.

Now optimism has replaced pessimism in the heart of the Potteries.

PEN PICTURES

DANNY BOWERS: Defender signed professional in July, 1973. Born Dudley. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.9. L.App.— Shrewsbury (loan) 6, Stoke 35 and 4 sub. G.— Stoke 2.

VIV BUSBY: Striker signed from Norwich City in November, 1977. Born High Wycombe. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 11.12. L.App.— Luton 64 and 13 sub, Newcastle (loan) 4, Fulham 114 and 4 sub, Norwich 22, Stoke 21 and 1 sub. G.— Luton 16, Newcastle (loan) 2, Fulham 29, Norwich 11, Stoke 3.

TERRY CONROY: Striker signed from Glentoran in March, 1967. 26 caps for the Republic of Ireland. Born Dublin. Ht. 5.9. St. 10.12. L.App.— Stoke 241 and 23 sub. G.— 49.

JEFF COOK: Young striker signed professional in October, 1977. Born Hartlepool. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.4. L.App.— 5 and 3 sub. G.— 1.

GARTH CROOKS: Winger signed professional in March, 1976, and top scorer for the past two seasons with Stoke. Born Stoke. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.12. L.App.— 63 and 4 sub. G.— 24.

ALAN DODD: Defender and ever-present last season. Signed professional in October, 1970, and has won England Under-23 caps. Born Stoke. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.6. L.App.— 196 and 1 sub. G.— 1.

MIKE DOYLE: Defender signed from Manchester City for £50,000 in the summer of 1978. Five full England caps. Born Manchester. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 11.9. L.App.— Man. City 441 and 8 sub. G.— 32.

SAMMY IRVINE: Midfielder signed from Shrewsbury Town in the 1978 close season for £60,000. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 9.12. L.App.— Shrewsbury 198 and 9 sub. G.— Shrewsbury 11.

PETER FOX: Goalkeeper signed from Sheffield Wednesday in April, 1978, for £20,000. Born Scunthorpe. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.11. L.App.— Sheff. Wed. 49, Barnsley (loan) 1.

ROGER JONES: Goalkeeper signed from Newcastle United in February, 1977. England Under-23 caps. Born Upton-on-Severn. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.4. L.App.— Bournemouth 160, Blackburn 242, Newcastle 5, Stoke 22.

PAUL JOHNSON: Defender or mid-field signed professional in July, 1977. Born Stoke. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 11.10. L.App.— 11 and 2 sub.

HOWARD KENDALL: Midfielder and team coach of Stoke (ever-present last season). Signed from Birmingham City in August, 1977. England Under-23 international and holds the record of being the youngest player to appear in an F.A. Cup Final when with Preston in 1964. Born Ryton-on-Tyne. Ht.

5.7. Wt. 10.13. L.App.— Preston 104, Everton 227 and 3 sub, Birmingham 115, Stoke 42. G.— Preston 13, Everton 21, Birmingham 16, Stoke 7.

JOHN MARSH: Defender and one of Stoke's longest serving players having made his League debut v Arsenal in August, 1967. Born Stoke. Ht. 5.7½. Wt. 10.10. L.App.— 322 and 8 sub. G.— 2.

BRENDAN O'CALLAGHAN: Striker and created a record last season when he scored on his debut in less than ten seconds after coming on as substitute v Hull City on March 8th, 1978. Transferred from Doncaster for £60,000 in February, 1978. Born Bradford. Ht. 6.3. Wt. 13.12. L.App.— Doncaster 184 and 3 sub, Stoke 13 and 2 sub. G.— Doncaster 65, Stoke 6.

PAUL RICHARDSON: Midfielder signed from Chester in June, 1977. Born Nottingham. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.10. L.App.— Nottm. For. 199 and 23 sub, Chester 28, Stoke 32 and 1 sub. G.— Nottm. For. 17, Chester 2, Stoke 2.

GEOFF SCOTT: Defender signed professional in April, 1977. Born Birmingham. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 11.8. L.App.— 23 and 1 sub. G.— 2.

DENIS SMITH: Central defender and team captain signed professional in September, 1966. Born Stoke. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.2. L.App.— 317 and 1 sub. G.— 25.

STOKE CITY



BACK ROW (left to right): David Gregory (now Bury), Geoff Cook, Viv Busby, Brendan O'Callaghan, Roger Jones, Alan Dodd, Terry Conroy, Geoff Scott, John Marsh.

FRONT ROW: Paul Richardson, Mike Doyle, Garth Crooks, Denis Smith, Howard Kendall, Steve Waddington (now Walsall), Sammy Irvine.

SHOOT!